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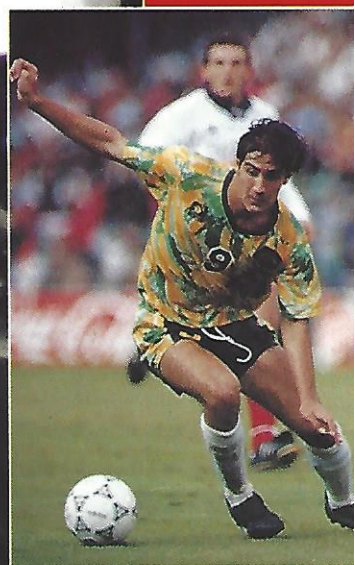
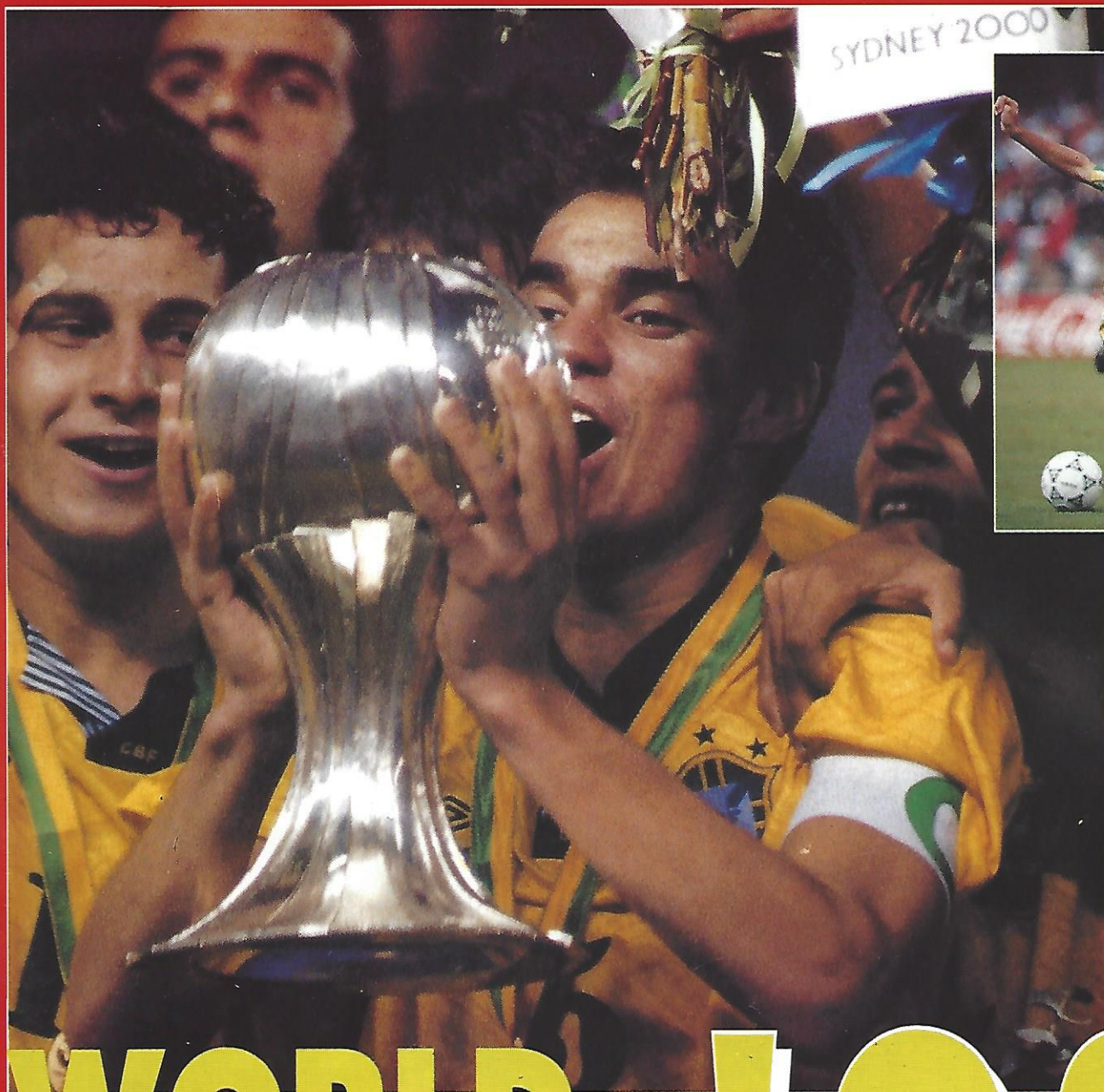
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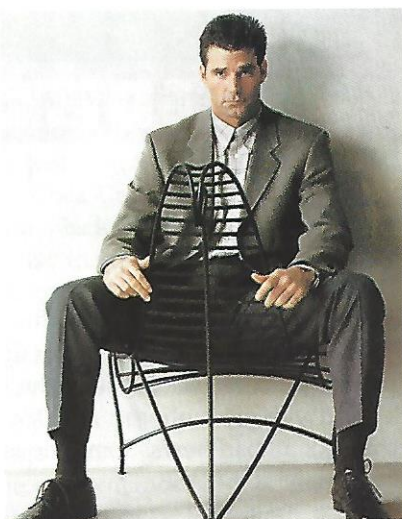


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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Getting it right

Tell me, am I imagining this, but after years of having to search for soccer in the newspapers, I'm finding it on the back page with great photos. Also for once it's not all bad news. Someone is getting it right at the ASF.

**Martin Harding, NSW**

## A class act

I'm really impressed with the quality of your magazine. Everything about it is a class act. Your stories are really interesting and you've got some great photos. I thought the picture of the female players was great, how about some more, maybe showing them in real life?

**Nicky Cook, Hobart, Tasmania**

## Soccer spunks

Soccer players are spunks!! More pictures please.

**Traci Bartlett, Smithfield, NSW**

## West is the way to go

I can't believe that the Kiwis have to try to join our National League. Not only will they become another "ethnic" team but how can we keep a Perth team out at the expense of our World Cup enemy. Rugby League might do it because they are desperate to expand, and let's be honest, they are desperate. Soccer however must put its own Aussies first and give us Sandgropers a chance. After all cricket, basketball or Aussie Rules show that not only are we competitive but we are the best. If the Kiwis get in before us we should join Asia and stuff the East Coast.

**Brett Gosper, WA**

## Starring overseas

I'd just like to let you know that there's another Aussie abroad. Leo Langone, son of the ex Canberra City player and coach Oscar Langone, has just signed for River Plate in Argentina. Leo played in all the ACT reps in Canberra and was part of the old ACT Institute of Soccer. Commiserations Leo, a loss to Australia but a great chance for a great young lad from the ACT.

**Jamie Crocker, ACT**

## Back Socceroos

If Melbourne Soccer supporters don't get behind the Socceroos in June against New Zealand then I hope that you never get another game above a CCSL game, and I reckon there's only one team down there worthy of being a CCSL side. You guess who (but for the thickos Wadey plays for you). I want to go to the USA in 1994 and support the Socceroos, you'd better support our team.

**Olympic Fan, Sydney**

## Bimbo men, athletic women

I'm not a great soccer fan, but I was in an Australian Airlines Flight Deck and I was browsing through magazines and I have to admit the cute Hugo Boss advert caught my eye. If those guys play soccer then I think I might start going. A classy ad in a classy mag. I also thought it was great that you recognised that females play soccer. What a turn-around, bimbo men and athletic females! Keep it up guys!

**Narelle Barnes, Foster, NSW**



## A job well done

I would like to congratulate Les Murray and all the others that gave us the magnificent coverage of the World Youth Cup. It is impossible for me to name all the people that have worked together during the past weeks, but I do sincerely believe that the entire crew deserve a big 10. In the No. 2 edition of Soccer Australia (Page 37), Tom Anderson wrote . . . "And because of the importance of the World Cup ('94), I would like to see a radical change in the coaching set-up with the ASF . . ." The job done by Eddie Thomson and company in the past has its own merits, but it is obvious that the class which is required at international level is not there. Let's hope the ASF comes out of its shell and gives Australian soccer players and supporters the chance we all deserve. Once again, on behalf of millions around the world, THANKS.

**Carlos Dutra,  
Labrador, Queensland  
EDITOR: Our sentiments exactly.**

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# EDITORIAL

Australian soccer has entered a crucial five-month period as it attempts to stamp its authority to an even greater extent on the world game.

The Coca-Cola Socceroos, the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos and the Coca-Cola Joeys (under-17s) are all vying for a bigger slice of international glory. Whether they succeed depends on a number of key factors.

For the Coca-Cola Socceroos, the vital ingredient for the home and away series against New Zealand in May/June, which will decide the Oceania champion, is our overseas-based stars.

Just how many national coach Eddie Thomson will use is uncertain. But it is obvious players of the calibre of Ned Zelic, Mark Bosnich, Frank Farina and Robbie Slater figure prominently in his plans.

FIFA's ruling that clubs must release players for international duty - a ruling



• **Eddie Thomson**  
... **under pressure.**

Tottenham Hotspurs looked likely to challenge for the World Youth Championship - should guarantee the Euro stars availability but will it be the correct blend?

Thomson has come under intense pressure recently regarding his training camps (he is planning another in England in April) and some of it may be justified.

But we cannot escape the fact that being national coach is not an easy

task. All Australians expect the Coca-Cola Socceroos to beat the All Whites. Not just beat 'em, thrash 'em!

The Coca-Cola Joeys are suffering from a lack of exposure. They are due to play in Japan in July in the world age group finals but very little, media-wise, has been done to promote their cause.

They have been in the shadows of the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos for too long.

The performances of the Class of '91 in Italy must not be forgotten.

Finally, the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos who contested the 7th World Youth Championship last month deserve all the credit they got. But we are now facing a similar crisis to the one which dogged the Coca-Cola Olyroos after Barcelona.

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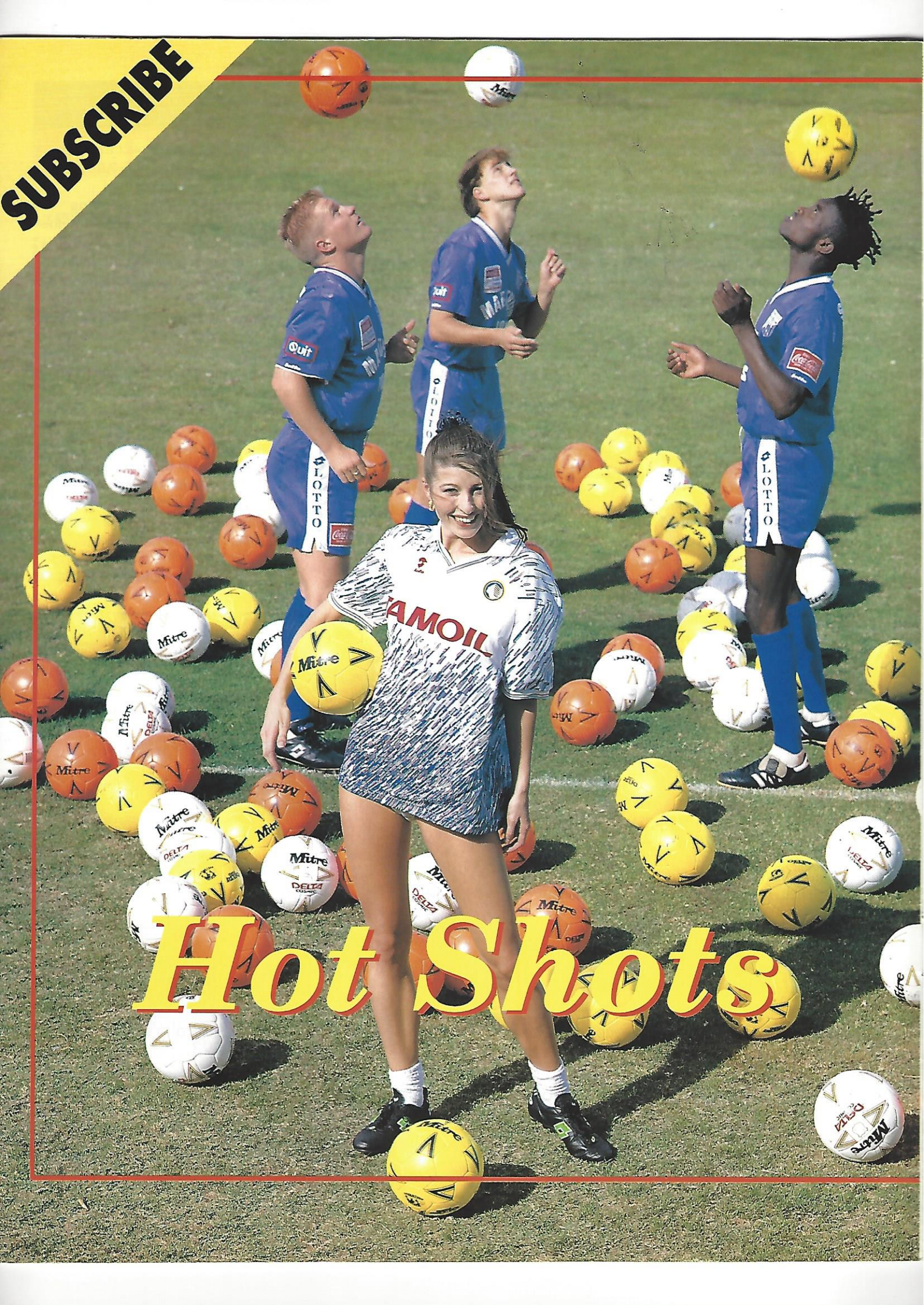
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# IL SUPREM

*Melbourne Herald-Sun soccer writer Peter Desira talks to the legendary Pele*

Superstar Pelé knocked back a \$10 million offer to promote a particular brand of cigarettes. Just take five seconds to consider that figure and you get an immediate perspective of the high principles of the man who justifies the tag of the athlete of the century well after his playing

## ALL THE HONORS

### Born:

**Edson Arantes do Nascimento,**  
October 23, 1940, at Tres Coracoes.

### Career:

**Santos, 1956 -74. 1114 games,**  
1088 goals.

**New York Cosmos, 1975 - 77. 108**  
games, 65 goals.

**Brazil, 1957 - 71. 97**  
internationals, 111 goals.

**Others, 1956 - 77. 45 games,**  
18 goals.

**Santos debut: September 7, 1956**  
in 7-1 win v Corinthians, 1 goal.

**New York Cosmos debut: June**  
15, 1975, in 2-2 draw against  
Dallas Tornado (one goal).

**Brazil debut: July 7, 1957, as sub**  
in 1-2 defeat by Argentina in Rio  
de Janeiro (one goal).

### Honors

**World Cup: 1958, 1962, 1970.**

**World Club Cup: 1962, 1963.**

**South American Club Cup: 1962,**  
1963.

**Sao Paulo Championship: 1956,**  
1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964,  
1965, 1967, 1968, 1969.

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career has finished. Pelé scored 1088 goals in 1114 games for Santos in Brazil, and 97 goals for Brazil's national team in 111 international between 1956 and 1974 before going to the United States to finish his playing career - and start a temporary soccer boom in that country.

Nowadays he has become a roving ambassador of the game for FIFA, in between fitting in his commitments to Warner Brothers, running a radio station he owns in Brazil, running a sports and marketing company, and helping the USA with the 1994 World Cup.

"I have no doubt that the World Cup in the USA will be fantastic because there is no one who knows how to promote an event like the United States," Pelé said.

"Putting on a nice show is a way of life and I have no doubt that the crowds will be better than they were in Italy - even if only the foreigners go, they will fill all the stadiums.

"They've already sealed the contracts for TV and merchandising - a year and a half before the event - to ensure it is a financial success.

"What's more important and yet to be achieved is what happens after the World Cup to ensure that soccer continues to grow.

"Soccer in USA has similar problems to Australia in that it's not the major sport but like here they are making inroads. It already is the most popular sport among children between five and 16 because to play you don't have to be tall like you do in basketball or strong like you do in American football or rugby.

"What needs to be achieved now is a strong pro league because with a strong



league, the game has a future.

"The same applies in Australia."

Pelé retains a strong involvement with soccer in Brazil - and is confident his country will put on a good show in the World Youth Championship for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup.

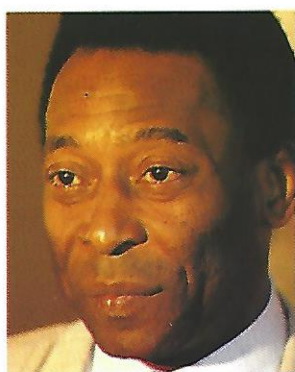
Possibly out of politeness, he hopes the final will be between Brazil and Australia, but even he admitted that will be a big ask for the Young Socceroos.

"In soccer you can always get a big upset - no one expected Cameroon to do so well in the last World Cup or Denmark to go on to win the European Nations Cup.

"Here you will see a number of strong teams. Brazil is one of them. Portugal is the defending champion and will also be strong. Colombia has a good team and the Africans too.

"Australia may not be up at the top level but then no one expected them to





reach the semi finals in Portugal two years ago or the Olympics in Barcelona. With strong support they can do well. "What you will definitely see here in Australia are the stars who will be playing in the next two World Cups," he added referring to the past World Youth Championships which have started off the international careers for the likes of Maradona, Marco Van Basten and René Higuita.

On a personal level, Pelé revealed that during and after his career he knocked back contracts worth around \$20 million out of loyalty and high principles.

"I broke into senior (club) football at 16 and was playing in the World Cup when I was 17 (in 1958) but I was spared much of the (commercialism) pressure of today's youngsters.

"But I did get offers. In the sixties, Real

Madrid offered Santos \$2 million to buy me. My club was tempted but I was comfortable and said no.

"Later (Fiat owner Luigi) Agnelli offered \$3 million to take me to Juventus but in my life I have never worried about money first - I felt I was already making a lot of money and that was enough.

"In 1975, Club America of Mexico, with the backing of the country's main television station Televisa, offered \$5 million but by then I had already committed myself to play in the United States.

"Nowadays I get offers of a different kind.

"I said no to a cigarette company that wanted me to make commercials for them because I am against products like tobacco and alcohol which harm the young kids.

"The company came back with a \$10 million offer and a script. I was supposed to declare that I am not a smoker but that if I did smoke, this (particular brand of cigarette) would be my choice - I could not believe it." The decision to knock back big offers was apparently easier than to take a penalty.

Admittedly, it was the penalty that would register his 1000th goal in his career - and it was in front of 210,000 people inside the Maracana, the biggest stadium in the world.

"There had been a huge build-up to my scoring my 100th goal with the papers and the media counting up every goal from 9990.

"We were playing Vasco da Gama at the Maracana and were awarded a penalty. I did not want to take it because I was confident I would eventually score one or two from outfield playing if not in that game in some other game when there wasn't as much pressure or as big a crowd.

"My teammates kept pushing me but I was so afraid. The stadium holds 250,000 and it was nearly full and they started chanting my name so I had to take it.

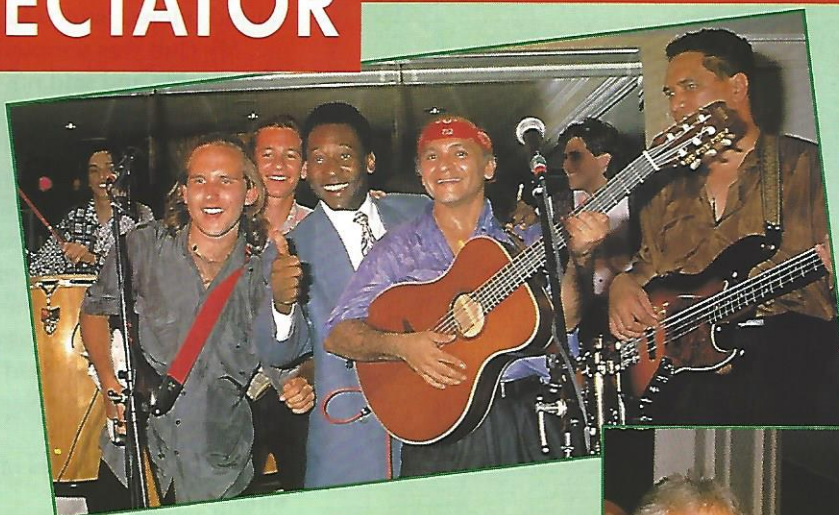
"My legs were shaking like jelly and the goalkeeper got a touch of the ball but thankfully it went in.

"Up until this day, it is still probably the memory I treasure most in my career."



# SPECTATOR

- Right: Pele gave Latin fire the thumbs up when they played for guests.



*The Sydney Hilton's ballroom was turned into a giant football stadium for the launch of the SBS VII World Youth Championship, including artificial grass, goalposts and a commentary box.*



- Left: Old mates . . . former head of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, and Pele find time to chat as the ASF's current chairman, John Constantine, looks on.

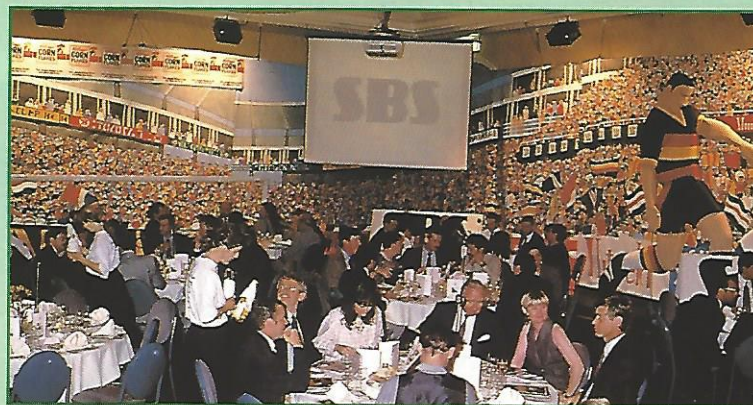


- Above: Pele joins the SBS commentary team for the night . . . left to right: Robert Wheatley, Michael Tomalaris, Pele and Les Murray.

- Below: SBS newsreader Mary Kostakidis (left), On the Ball host Andy Paschalidis (right) and the Maltese Herald's Lino Vella take time out to meet Pele.



- Right: Sydney 2000 boss Rod McGeogh (left) and Western Samoan International Olympic Committee member Sevili Paul Wallwork were among the autograph hunters eager to collect Pele's signature.



- Above: A view of the SBS Football Stadium of the Hilton Hotel launch including a special four metre high mural of the Sydney Football Stadium.



*The KANGA CUP, Australia's premier youth soccer tournament, has been relocated for 1993 onwards to Australia's capital city. GREG BAYLISS reports*

# A CUP FULL OF FUN

The Kanga Cup is based on similar tournaments around the world and is open to boys aged from U-11 to U-19 and girls from U-13, U-16 and U-19. School, club and representative teams of all levels are welcome with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment as well as the development of the code of soccer.

The Kanga Cup, now in its third year, has already attracted teams from the US mainland and Hawaii, Europe, Asia and New Zealand and more than 100 teams are expected to compete this year.

The Kanga Cup has the full support of the A.C.T. Soccer Federation, Australian Women's Soccer Association, A.C.T. Tourism Commission, Rydges Hotel Group, QANTAS and Australian Airlines. Although soccer is the main attraction of the Kanga Cup, other activities have been arranged and include discos for players, an official function for coaches and managers, ball skill competitions, Olympic-style opening and closing ceremonies.

The accommodation facilities have been upgraded from previous years and teams will be housed in dormitory style units during the tournament. Shuttle buses will run between the accommodation venues and playing fields.

The Players Participant Fee of \$295 includes accommodation from Sunday June 27 to Sunday July 4, three meals a day from the evening of Sunday June 27 to the morning of July 4, daily bus transfers, Kanga Cup T-shirt, Certificate of Participation, Trophies and Entry Fee to all Kanga Cup special events.

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*The past five years has seen a dramatic rise in goalkeeping standards in Australia. The emphasis on improving the "last line of defence" has led to Australian-born goalkeepers pushing hard for senior spots at some of England's top clubs. DOUG BOOTH reports.*

# PLAYING

England has always been well off for goalkeepers. While other world class countries, such as Brazil, preferred to win matches by simply scoring more goals than the opposition (6-5 results were not uncommon), English teams favoured strong defences, supported by a resolute custodian. Famous keepers such as Gordon Banks, Peter Bonetti, Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence spring to mind when the "job between the posts" is mentioned. So it might seem rather ironical that currently there are no fewer than six Australian-bred goalkeepers trying to earn a living from the specialised soccer job at English professional clubs.

Leading the way is former Sydney CSC keeper Mark Bosnich who has followed up his strong showing at the Barcelona Olympics with the Coca-Cola Olyroos with some fine performances for Aston Villa.

Then there's Andy Petterson, originally from Western Australia, who spent a year at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in 1988 before departing overseas. He is firmly established at Luton Town and helping to restore confidence to The Hatters in their drive to return to the Premier League. Jason Kearton is another who has bridged the gap effectively between part-time Australian club soccer and the English full-time game.

Kearton was an ever-present for the Brisbane Lions in 1988 - the year the

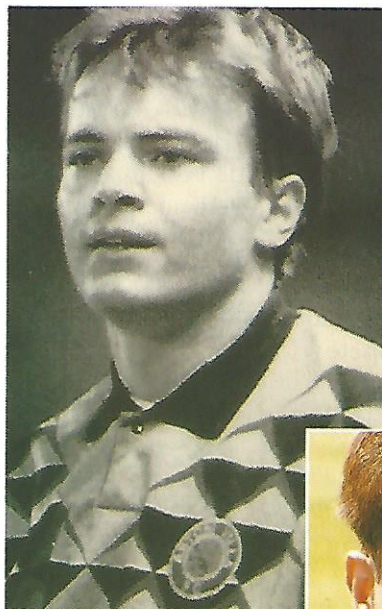
Queenslanders finished bottom of the ladder. Despite his efforts at the back, the Lions struggled to make any impact on the national scene.

Kearton headed overseas after the Lions were relegated ... and he has not looked back since. Being understudy to Welsh international and Everton stalwart Neville Southall at Goodison Park is no mean achievement.

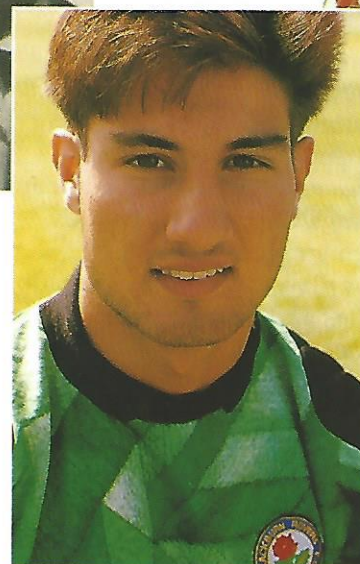
Bosnich's rival in Barcelona for the number one jersey, John Filan, is another trying his luck in England after leaving Wollongong City in November. Filan first went to trial at Stoke City, where Socceroo teammate Ernie Tapai has signed a lucrative contract, before moving on to Premier League club Southampton.

Melbourne-born Frank Talia has spent more than a year in England trialling at various clubs before settling at the Kenny Dalglish-inspired Blackburn Rovers.

Talia, another AIS product, has suffered several injury setbacks in England but his determination to succeed in arguably the toughest league in the world epitomises the efforts of these Australian goalkeepers



• Left: Aston Villa and now Socceroo number two goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.



• Below: Frank Talia, working hard at Blackburn.

abroad. Many thought veteran goalkeeper Bob Catlin may have left his move too late when he quit Marconi last year to join newly-relegated Notts County. But the 28-year-old has adapted well to the change of surroundings and, although still not a first team regular, his experience at the back has enabled County to regroup after its disappointing season. Catlin, who played 162 C CSL games and earned one Coca-Cola Socceroo cap, spent a couple of months at Chelsea in the mid-eighties with little success.





# FOR KEEPS

• **Above: Robert Zabica, the pressure's mounting**

He won two championships with Marconi and is one of a handful of Australian goalkeepers to have actually scored a goal (and not from the penalty spot).

All this must be a worry to Adelaide City custodian Robert Zabica, the current Socceroo number one choice keeper, whose reliability between the posts was a major factor in the Zebras' double success last season.

But if Zabica is worried about a possible overseas challenge, with Bosnich, Kearton and Petterson the leading candidates, he's not showing it in his performances.

The former West Australian Sheffield Shield cricketer has once again been "Mr Reliable" in what has been a frustrating season for the South Australian giants.

"I don't mind competition. As far as I'm concerned everyone's a threat. It's healthy and it keeps me on my toes,"

said Zabica, who was also considering an overseas move before the CCSL season began - to Malmo in Sweden.

And if the younger challengers to his Socceroo position think Zabica is getting "long in the tooth" for the job - think again. "As long as my body is able, I will play on. Let's face it, 35 is nothing unusual for a top goalkeeper. Look at Shilton. He was well over 40 and still playing in the first division. Zabica's body has been under the microscope before in his life. As a pace bowler in cricket, he suffered a bad back injury which cost him a promising Shield career.

But all that's in the past. He's looking forward to a few more successes with the Zebras, the New Zealand World Cup qualifying games in April-May and keeping one step ahead of the rest.

Mark Bosnich took over the deputy Socceroo goalkeeping position at

last year's Australian camp for overseas-based players in Holland. Shortly after he broke into the Aston Villa Premier League team in a game at Sheffield Wednesday.

Villa manager Ron Atkinson told Bosnich he would keep his senior spot but a send-off in a reserves match meant the goalkeeper lost his chance. But Bosnich and veteran Nigel Spink have maintained healthy pressure on each other all season and it seems only a matter of time before the larrikin 20-year-old becomes a regular. Bosnich had three years at Manchester United as a schoolboy, and managed three league games, but work permit problems ended his liaison with the world's best known club. He returned to Australia but worse was to follow.

He signed for Sydney CSC and was dropped by controversial coach Mladen Vrankovic after just four games. Villa stepped in. "Brian Whitehouse, who was the reserves team coach at Manchester United, took over as the chief scout at Aston Villa," Bosnich recalled. "He mentioned my name and fortunately the gaffer (Atkinson) had seen me in a reserves game when he was at Sheffield Wednesday," Bosnich said.

It's not that Australia has never been blessed with top class keepers before ... it's just that they have never been in such an abundance. Yakka Banovic, who was first choice at Derby County under Brian Clough, would argue that he was a goalkeeping trailblazer. He was sold by Heidelberg to Derby for \$120,000 in the early eighties.

For Andy Petterson and Frank Talia the move overseas was something they had to do to try and fulfill their ambition of playing soccer full-time. Petterson, who receives specialist coaching at Luton from former England and Chelsea ace Peter "The Cat" Bonetti, made his senior debut against Leicester this season.

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# Playing for keeps

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He played in the first 18 division one games before a thigh injury sidelined him for three weeks. At the time of writing, he had just begun his comeback in the reserves.

"Australia is producing so many good goalkeepers because the standard of goalkeeper training has improved 100 per cent," Petterson said. "Gone are the days when the goalkeepers were ignored. Now coaches are starting to realise they need specialised coaching." Petterson is "extremely keen" to become Australia's number one choice goalkeeper. "Although I also qualify to play for Wales, Australia will always be my number one choice and I hope to gain international recognition in the near future," he said.

Frank Talia believes Australia has got it right at junior level - that's one of the



• **Andy Petterson and the 1988 AIS team. Andy is on the back row, sixth from the left..**

reasons why top-flight goalkeepers have flourished. "We don't have an abundance of quality goalkeeping coaches but we do have several highly-skilled and experienced trainers who more than make up." Talia says the facilities at the AIS are part of the reason for his success in the game to date. "I did the bulk of my learning under Paul Jones (ex-Aussie youth keeper) and head coach Ron Smith. The techniques taught there are second

to none anywhere in the world and it was a brilliant education in preparing me for England," he said.

Talia, grounded by an ankle injury for two months early in his career at Blackburn, has quickly learned to adapt to the quicker style of play. "My ability to read the game has greatly improved along with my positioning. Learning to adapt to rugged bumps and challenges was another obstacle I had to overcome," he said.

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## ANISSA STARS ON TV

Anissa Tann, captain of the female Socceroos, just can't beat the feeling. Anissa, 24, and with 25 international caps under her belt, is a full-time development officer with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation. But she has also been doubling as a star of the small screen. Anissa featured in the Coca-Cola TV commercials for the 7th World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup. You may remember her. Red dress, long hair and .... keeping a 1.5 litre bottle of Coke off the ground using her feet. I'll remember to take Anissa next time I go to the supermarket. It saves pushing all those trolleys around.

• *Here's another shot of the female Socceroos. Anissa is seated, fourth from the left.*



## KEEPERS DO US PROUD

Who would have believed it five years ago? There we were tuned into the highlights of the English Premier League and ... two Australian-born goalkeepers were on display. Barcelona hero Mark Bosnich and Queensland-born Jason Kearton were the last line of defence in the Aston Villa v Everton clash on February 20.

Bosnich has taken over as number one choice at title-chasing Villa from Nigel Spink while Kearton stepped up for his first full league game because Welsh international Neville Southall was suspended. Bosnich, 21, had the better of the big day as Villa won 2-1 but he was sent the wrong way by a well-taken Peter Beardsley penalty.

Kearton looked a little nervous and conceded two goals in the first 18 minutes but recovered well to show he has learned a lot since leaving the Brisbane Lions after the disastrous 1988 season.

• *Special feature, Playing for Keeps, Pages 12-14.*



## ON A LIGHTER NOTE

*Eddie Thomson:  
This one's just for you! When the going gets tough, the tough get going and THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER*

## COUNTDOWN CONTINUES

The two-leg clash between the Coca-Cola Socceroos and New Zealand is approaching quickly.

Australia plays the All Whites at Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland, on Sunday May 30 with the return leg in Melbourne on Sunday June 6. Tension is mounting in the Coca-Cola Socceroos camp over the preparations. The recent Holland training camp, the second national coach Eddie Thomson has held, was far from successful results-wise.

The Coca-Cola Socceroos lost two of the three games prompting calls from skipper Paul Wade for further time together. This is likely to happen with another camp being arranged in England next month. But the burning question is whether our European-based stars will be released for the big games. Under FIFA rules they must be but pity the players, such as Ned Zelic, in a club v country joust. Borussia Dortmund is running hot in the Bundesliga and Zelic, who has been playing at sweeper since the injury to German international Stefan Reuter, may be faced with an agonising decision.



## LOBBYING IN CANBERRA

Soccer needs all the help it can get in the drive for the sporting dollar.

This star quintet went to the seat of power, Parliament House in Canberra, to stir up a few politicians from their slumberings. Unfortunately, not too many were around. They were out in their electorates campaigning vigorously for the Federal election. Ah well! It makes a good picture.

• *Left to right: Ned Zelic, Robbie Ironside, Dave Barret, Anthony Giannessa and Coca-Cola Young Socceroos skipper Kevin Muscat.*







**Johnny  
WARREN**

*African soccer is no longer a joke. Recent results suggest the continent could produce a world champion in the not too distant future. Johnny Warren takes a close look.*

Long term followers of the world game have not been surprised at the emergence of African football which sees this continent of 50 nations on the verge of becoming a real footballing power.

The emergence has been quite dramatic as back in 1974 while the pioneering Socceroos were getting honorable results in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, Africa's sole representative Zaire, was getting hammered by one and all.

The huge African vote put Joao Havelange in power at FIFA and Havelange repaid that support with massive world wide development programmes to the "developing" nations, gave them a better chance of making the World Cup and introduced the various age world championships. The Africans have justified Havelange's faith with the likes of Algeria, Morocco, Egypt, Cameroon and Ghana performing with distinction on the world stage culminating in Cameroon's stunning display in Italia '90.

Since then Ghana have won the world under 17 Cup and finished third in the Barcelona Olympics.

Curious as to Africa's rapid development I took in last year's African Nations Cup in Dakar, Senegal and the recently concluded African Youth Championships in Mauritius.

I was not alone in Dakar as over 600 foreign media men covered the event and every worthwhile coach, not to mention player agents, ranging from Italy's Arigio Sacchi to France's Michel Platini were there.

Quite simply since Cameroon's "success" at Italia '90, football fever is ablaze across the massive continent. There is a fanatical ambition from all 50 nations who are about to flex their

# OUT OF AFRICA

**• Right: Ghana, back row, left to right: Dwu, Banini (capt), Gargo, Asare, Tanko, Abinful, Adjei, Boateng, Jarrab. Front row: Duah, Addo, Kuffour, Brown, Baidoo, Yakuba, Ayisi.**

muscles on and off the field to "establish a new world order" in which Africa will play an ever increasing dominant role.

Unofficial spokesman on the African movement is Ghana skipper and Marseilles star Abedi Pele who tells you "Ghana is a much better footballing nation than Cameroon".

He also tells you "Africa deserves four spots in the world finals, that Morocco should have been given the 1998 World Cup and that within the next 20 years Africa will win the World Cup - if not sooner.

On the surface it is difficult to doubt Pele.

African players seem to have it all - physique, technique, mental toughness, competitive, combative, the "hunger" to



succeed, the role models to follow (there are over 500 professional Africans in Europe) and the burning ambition to emulate Cameroon and Abedi Pele.

According to Pele, "African players base their game on that of their black brothers in Brazil".

"We love the way they play and I doubt there is a player anywhere in Africa who doesn't idolise Brazilian football" says Pele.





**Cameroon, back row, left to right: Fusi, Heuyoti, Embe, Ebdue, Song (capt), Anya, Andomo, Edimo. Front row: Tchoutang, Ngounou, Foe, Lweono, Mbvoumin, Edgente, Kima, Ndiba Mukete.**

## ... a new world power



There is more to African football than Cameroon. In fact in the African Nations Cup they finished fourth - and were lucky to finish there even though they were without only Roger Milla (only a vote by the other players stopped Milla playing - Oman Biyik and company did not want a repeat of Italia '90 where they believed they did all the dirty work only for Milla to score the goals and steal all the credit) and goalkeeper Thomas Nkono.

All eight quarter finalists were black African nations - winners Ivory Coast, runners up Ghana, third placed Nigeria and fourth placed Cameroon as well as beaten quarter finalists Zaire, Zambia, Congo and hosts Senegal.

So keen were the teams that if you changed shirts you wouldn't know the difference. The point is that Africa has depth and what Cameroon did in Italia '90 many others are capable of doing in the future. While admiring what Africa has achieved one doesn't entirely share Abedi Pele's optimism. There are many problems in Africa none the least being money to compete with Europe. The "slave trade", as Pele refers to it where for every success story in Europe of African players there are hundreds of stories of youngsters being ripped off by dodgy agents, is a massive problem - a problem we can sympathise with what with our brain drain to Europe. Travel, where it can take days to cross the continent, communications and volatile political problems also put a question mark over Africa achieving its potential in the near future. Administration, according to those intimately involved, leaves a lot to be desired also.

Perhaps the most disturbing problem

Europe running the game in Africa. On the positive side Africans are becoming tactically more mature from this Euro influence.

The other side of the argument is that Africans are now thinking about the game, playing it with the head rather than the heart and in the process we are seeing a clinical, cynical approach replacing the pure emotion of playing the game for the game's sake - entertaining rather than results. There is no greater critic of the Euros than journalist Emmanuel Tatw, elder brother of Cameroon's skipper Stephen Tatw who blamed the preponderance of foreign coaches as the reason the African Nations Cup was so calculated and tactical.

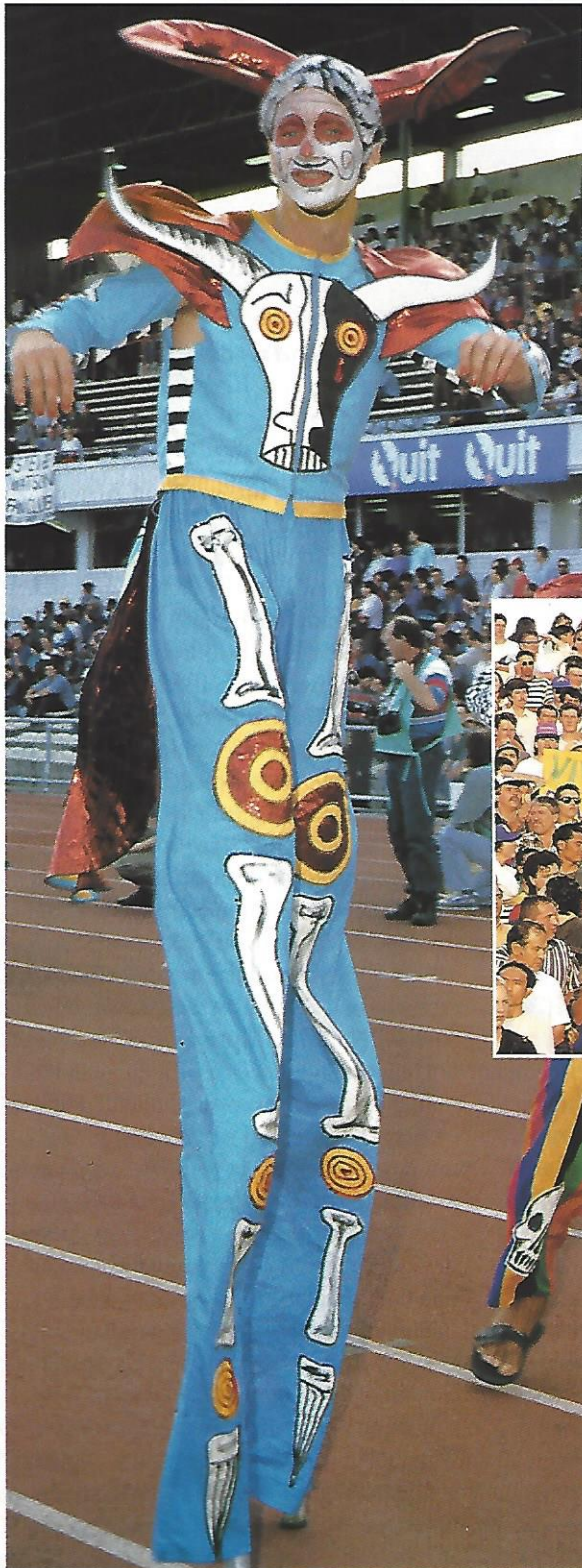
"They do not help our football" Tatw observed. "Instead of grooming raw talents all they do is go to Europe and assemble the Euro based players". "How do we develop new stars, how do we progress our game when coaches do not develop new teams". "Cameroon was a prime example." "Coach Phillipe Redon merely trundled out the old faces and Cameroon will not have a team for the USA in '94". Ironically winners Ivory Coast played with basically a locally based team and was coached by one of the few Africans - Yeo Martial.

from a playing point of view is the European influence, not just in numbers playing in Europe but in the number of coaches from

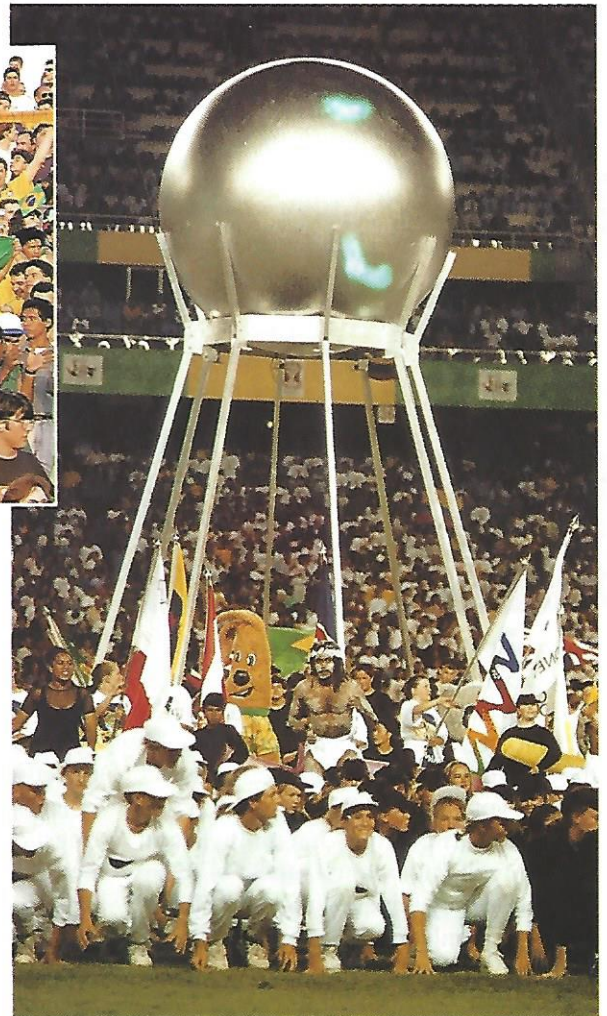




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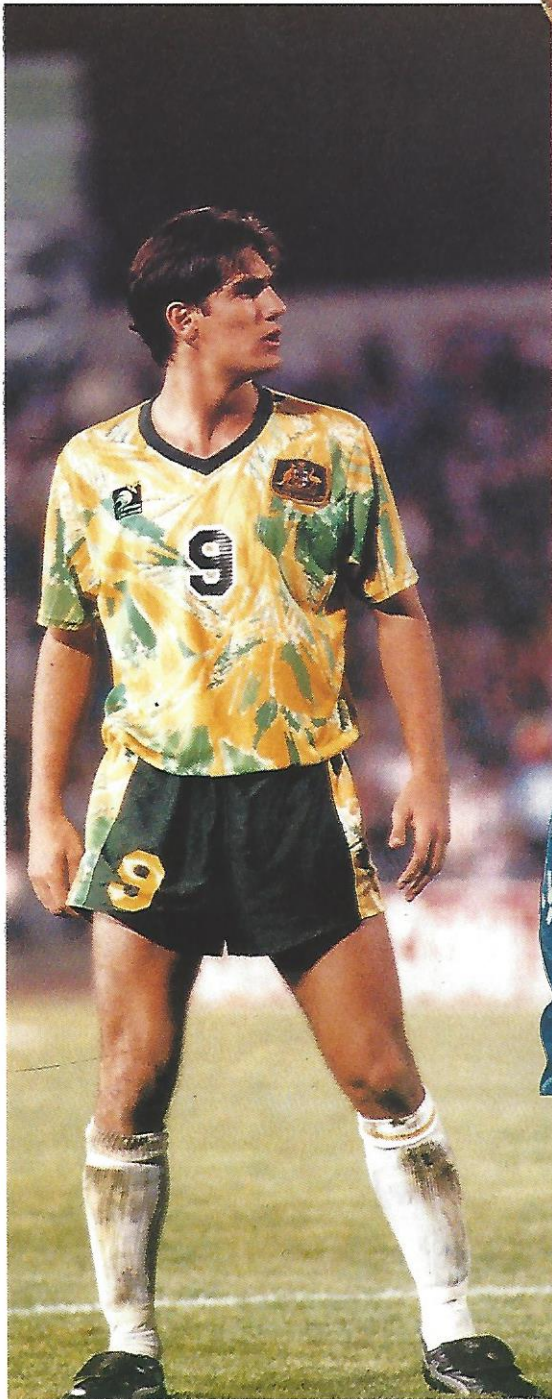


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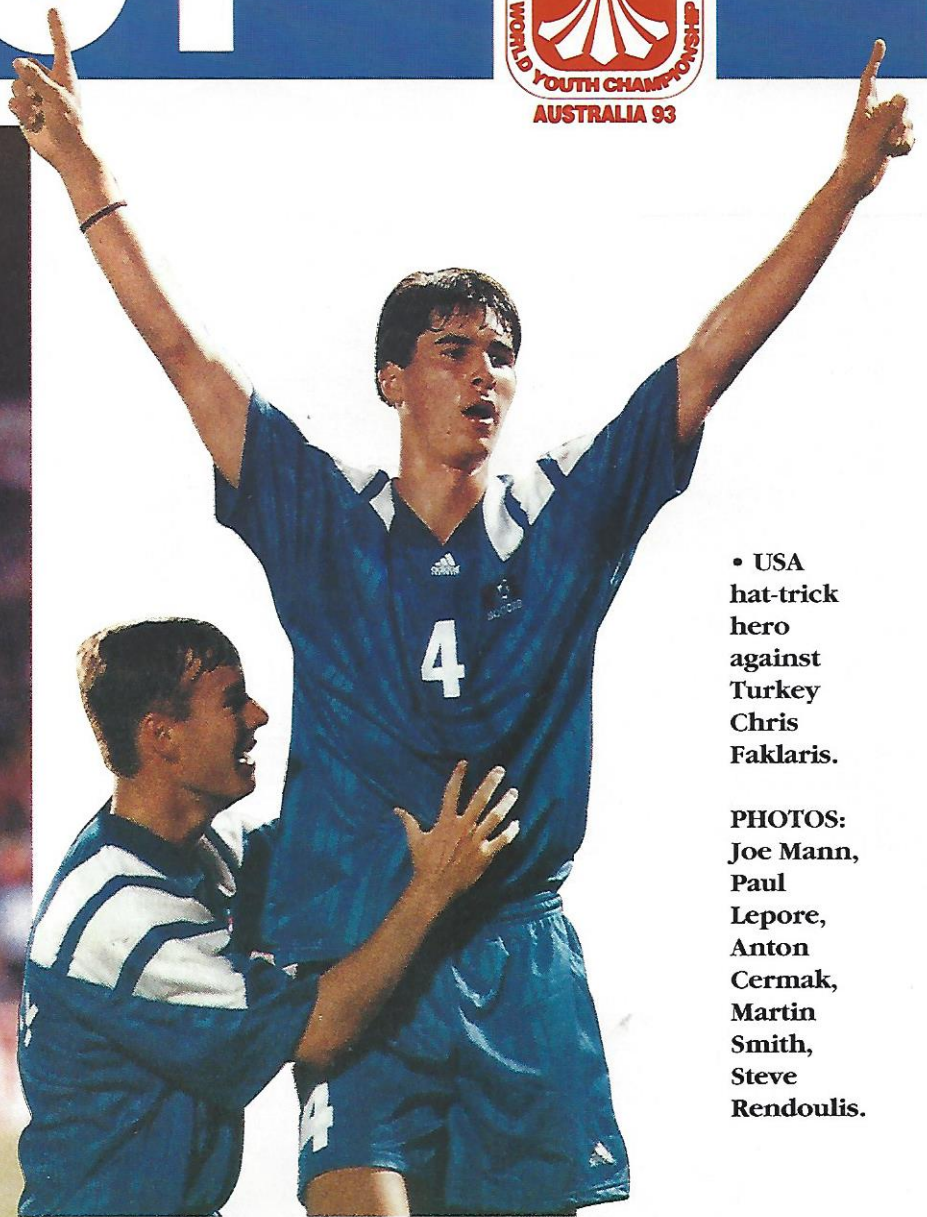




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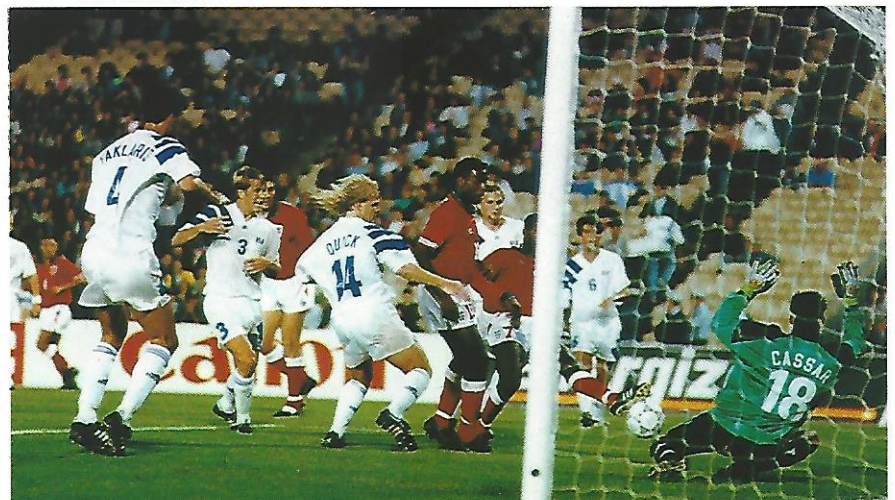


• **ABOVE:** Young Soccerroo striker Paul Agostino.



• **USA** hat-trick hero against Turkey Chris Faklaris.

**PHOTOS:** Joe Mann, Paul Lepore, Anton Cermak, Martin Smith, Steve Rendoulis.



• **RIGHT:** Chris Bart-Williams scores England's winner against the USA.





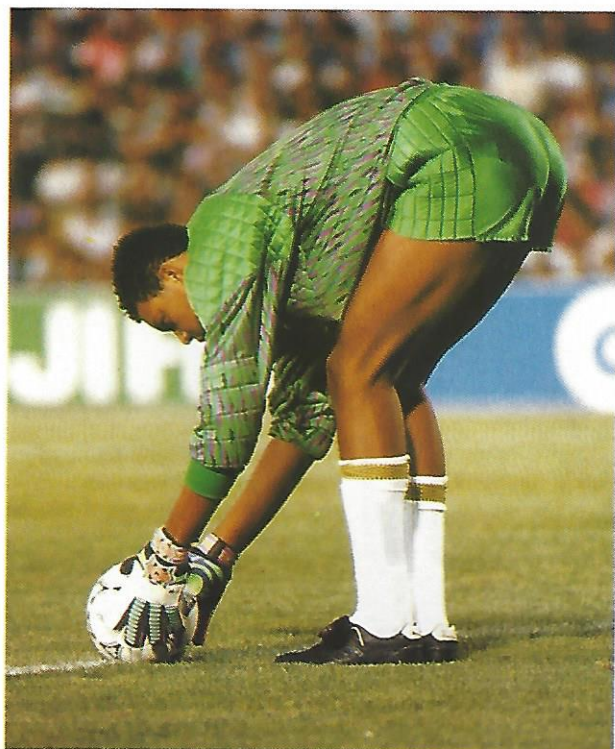
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• England keeper David Watson saves brilliantly against Mexico.



• ABOVE: Relaxed Australians on the bench.

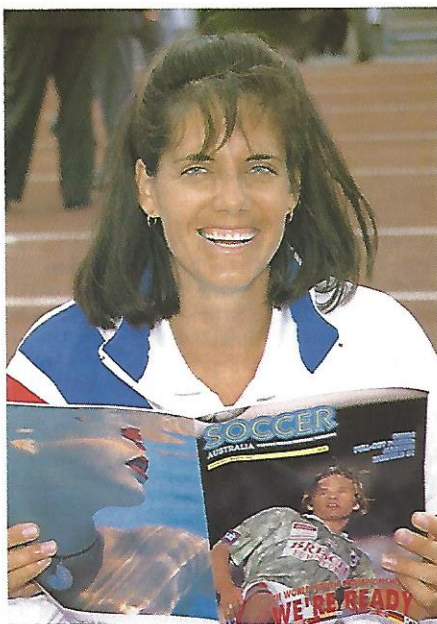


• LEFT: Brazil's keeper Dida was on the ball.

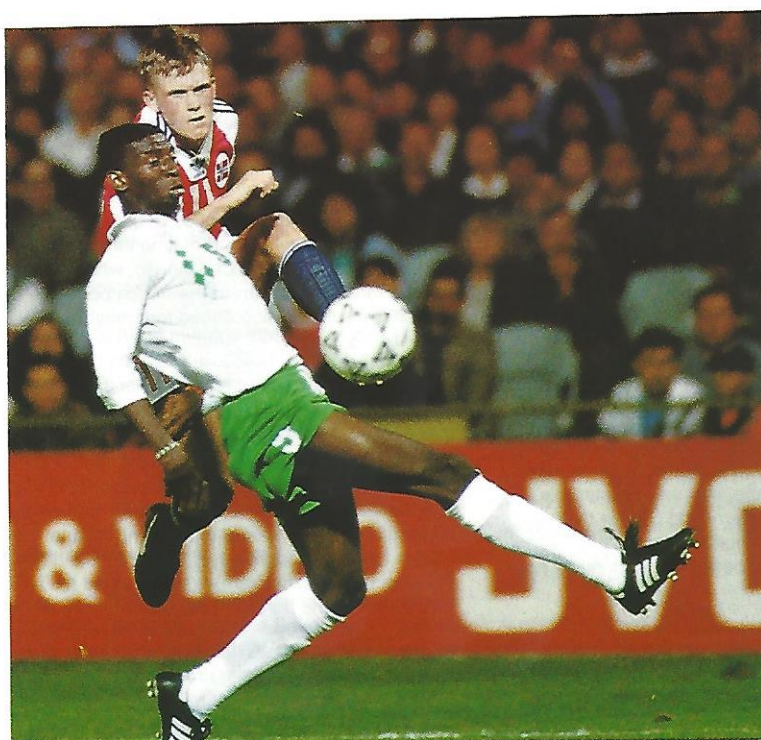
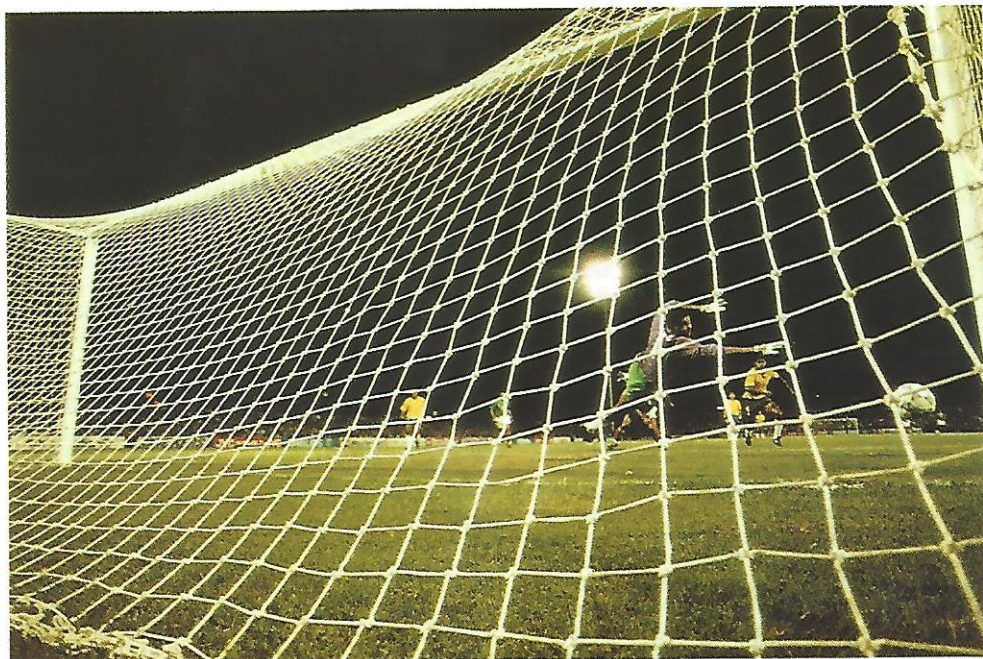
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• USA masseur Patti Marchak.



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Abdullah Al  
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(Saudi  
Arabia) and  
Harald  
Loedemel  
(Norway)  
do battle.  
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• RIGHT:  
Brazil  
skipper  
Marcelinho  
— a future  
superstar?





# THE GAMES, RESULTS

## GROUP A

Australia 2 Colombia 1

The Young Socceroos made a dream start to the championship, coming from a goal down to take both points. Inspirational captain Kevin Muscat fittingly scored the winner in the 76th minute after striker Paul Agostino headed substitute Darren Locca's free kick against the bar. Colombia had taken a shock lead in front of the 32,000 crowd at the Sydney Football Stadium through captain Henry Zambrano but Ante Milicic levelled within three minutes.

Russia 2 Cameroon 0

Ten-man Russia overcame the second half sending-off of striker Yuri Petrov to beat the African nation. Russia got away to a dream start with a goal after just 20 seconds through Igor Zazulin. Alexander Karataiev scored the second eight minutes before half-time. Brazilian referee Renato Marsiglia sent off Petrov, the first red card for the tournament, for charging into the back of Cameroon midfielder Rigobert Bahananac.

Australia 3 Russia 1

Australia stormed into the quarter-finals with a devastating second half burst against Russia, who had pipped the Young Socceroos for third place in Portugal. After being held to 1-1 at half-time, strikers Ante Milicic and Paul Agostino grabbed both points with headers. Australia had gone ahead after 13 minutes through an own goal by Murad Magomedov but Sergei Chudin levelled six minutes later.

Colombia 3 Cameroon 2

Colombian skipper Henry Zambrano struck twice at crucial times to keep his country's quarter-final hopes alive and leave Cameroon without a point from two games. Zambrano scored just before half-time and five minutes from the end at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra. Marc Foe had put the Cameroons into a 14th minute lead but three goals in as many minutes just before half-time left the score tied at 2-2 until Zambrano's late winner.

Russia 3 Colombia 1

Colombia was the better side but the Russians collected the points to move into the quarter-finals. Alexander Karataiev put the Russians ahead from the penalty spot after just six minutes and Dmitri Ananko made it 2-0 just 13 minutes later. Danish referee Kim Nielsen awarded his second penalty midway through the second half which Colombian Arley Betancourt converted. But the Russians were not finished and, despite having Karataiev sent off, scored their third through Alexei Savchenko.

Australia 0 Cameroon 2

Unpredictable Cameroon saved their best for last, forcing Australia away from Sydney for the quarter-finals. Cameroon took the lead just before half-time when Bernard Tehoutang, who was later sent off, scored. Australia certainly had their chances with Paul Agostino heading

against the bar and skipper Kevin Muscat having a shot cleared off the line. Cameroon sealed Australia's fate in the dying moments when substitute David Embe scored.

## FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	2	0	1	6	4	4
Australia	2	0	1	5	4	4
Cameroon	1	0	2	4	5	2
Colombia	1	0	2	5	7	2

## GROUP B

Germany 1 Portugal 0

A last minute goal by Carsten Jancker gave the Germans a shock win against the defending champions. Both sides showed extreme caution throughout the game, frightened to lose. Jancker pounced on a mistake by Luis Oliveira and sent a left foot shot past keeper Paulo Costinha.

Ghana 1 Uruguay 1

Uruguay should have sewn up the match in the first 45 minutes missing at least five clear-cut chances. They did take the lead through Fernando Correa after 22 minutes but Ghana fought back after the interval to take a share of the spoils through a 73rd minute goal by Augustine Arhinful. Ghana's Kofi Nimo missed a golden chance 10 minutes from time to snatch the winner.

Germany 2 Ghana 2

Carsten Jancken saved Germany once again with a goal 10 minutes from time to snatch a point. Ossi Kuffour put the Ghanaians ahead in the 39th minute but Andre Breitenreiter levelled the score within three minutes. Emmanuel Duah restored Ghana's lead after 72 minutes but then Jancker, who collected his second yellow card and automatically missed the final group match against Uruguay, stepped up to grab a share of the spoils.

Uruguay 2 Portugal 1

The defending champions suffered their second straight loss and bowed out to an impressive Uruguay. Fabian O'Neil scored twice for the South Americans - in the ninth and 88th minutes, to take his team to the top of the table. Luis Cassama equalised for the Portuguese after 34 minutes.

Uruguay 2 Germany 1

German goalkeeper Dimo Wache had a nightmare match, making mistakes which cost his side a quarter-final spot. Wache first dropped a shot from Rodrigo Lemos in the second minute allowing full-back Luis Lopez, who was later sent off, to score. Then, in the 65th minute, he made two terrible errors allowing striker Fernando Correa to score. Andre Breitenreiter reduced the arrears for Germany with a clever back-heel 16 minutes from time.

Ghana 2 Portugal 0

The defending champions' miserable tournament was completed with this agonising loss. Ghana's midfield millionaire Nii Lamptey put Portugal on the

rack after just five minutes finishing off a good move involving Emmanuel Duah and Akonnor. Portugal lost keeper Paulo Costinha after 31 minutes and replacement Paulo Morais hardly had time to settle in before midfielder Augustine Ahinful flicked a ball through to Akonnor to score.

## FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	2	1	0	5	3	5
Ghana	1	2	0	5	3	4
Germany	1	1	1	4	4	3
Portugal	0	0	3	1	5	0

## GROUP C

England 1 Korea 1

Chelsea central defender Ian Pearce earned a disappointing England a point with a last-gasp header six minutes from time. The Koreans, who showed plenty of skill and determination, took the lead after 32 minutes when England right-back Steve Watson put through his own goal.

Turkey 0 USA 6

The Americans scored the shock of the tournament when they handed out a thrashing to the European champions. Striker Chris Foklaris hit the championship's first hat-trick his goals coming in the 29th, 47th and 89th minutes. Three goals in eight minutes midway through the first half killed off the Turks. Imad Baba (21) and Miles Joseph (26, 73) completed the rout.

England 1 USA 0

There was no such shock against a composed, professional England who never looked like losing but failed to turn their dominance into goals. Sheffield Wednesday's Chris Bart-Williams scored the winner in the 69th minute, ramming home a loose ball after Ian Pearce had flicked on an Andy Myers long throw. The Americans almost stole a last minute equaliser but Chris Foklaris' shot was well saved by keeper David Watson.

Turkey 1 Korea 1

Turkey kept alive its slim hopes of qualifying with an equaliser five minutes from time through Serkan Recber. Korean captain Cho Jin-Ho, who won his second Mastercard man-of-the-match performance, had put his side ahead four minutes after half-time.

England 1 Turkey 0

England survived an injury time penalty to finish top of the group. Julian Joachim, who replaced the injured Nicky Barmby, scored the winner in the 11th minute after a Steve Watson long throw was headed on by Ian Pearce. In the 92nd minute Marvin Harriott brought down Mustafa Kocabay in the area but captain Ilhami Arslan blasted his spot kick well over the bar.

Korea 2 USA 2

The USA qualified for a quarter-final showdown with Brazil after stealing a point from the unlucky



# ... AND THE STARS

Koreans. Brian Kelly gave the US a 37th minute lead but Korea equalised two minutes later through Lee Ki-Hyung who then gave his side the lead with a 53rd minute goal. Twelve minutes from time the Americans equalised when Robert Smith supplied the pass for Kiernan Zavagnin to score.

## FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	0	3	1	5
USA	1	1	1	8	3	3
Korea	0	3	0	4	4	3
Turkey	0	1	2	1	8	1

## GROUP D

### Mexico 3 Norway 0

Vicente Nieto scored twice as the Mexicans made a great start against a Norwegian team which had been tipped as underdogs in the group. Nieto gave his team the lead a minute before half-time and made it 2-0 after 71 minutes. Jesus Olalde sealed the fine win six minutes from time.

### Brazil 0 Saudi Arabia 0

Tournament favorites Brazil made a disappointing start to their title quest, having forward Pereira sent off in the 73rd minute. Exciting Saudi right-winger Fahad al Ghesheyan gave the Brazilians a torrid time and, in the end, they were lucky to escape with a draw.

### Norway 0 Saudi Arabia 0

Saudi playmaker Fahad Al Ghesheyan was sent off after clashing with defender Odd Arild Skonhoft as his team collected their second point from another goalless encounter. Norway showed plenty of endeavour, especially in the second half when Thomas Oestvold hit the bar with a right-foot shot from 15m.

### Brazil 2 Mexico 1

Two penalties, one in each half, earned Brazil the points. Adriano, who was later substituted, scored the first in the 23rd minute with Gian netting the second spot-kick in the 57th minute. Vincente Nieto replied for Mexico in the 78th minute.

### Brazil 2 Norway 0

Two goals in three minutes early in the second half sealed both points for Brazil. In the 59th minute Gian drove a left-foot shot past Norwegian goalkeeper Thomas Myhre. Then Adriano beat Myhre from close range with a shot which took a deflection. Norway's best chance came in the 36th minute when Rune Nordengen's header was tipped over the bar by Brazilian keeper Dida.

### Mexico 2 Saudi Arabia 1

Striker Luis Salazar scored twice as Mexico came from behind to overwhelm the Saudis and clinch a quarter-final spot. Abdullah Al Takrouni headed the Saudis into a shock fifth minute lead which they held until half-time. Salazar scored his first in the 61st minute after a shot had rebounded off the

post. He made it 2-0 in the 73rd minute with a tap-in.

## FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	1	0	4	1	5
Mexico	2	0	1	6	3	4
S Arabia	0	2	1	1	2	2
Norway	0	1	2	0	5	1

## QUARTER-FINALS

### Australia 2 Uruguay 1

Australia made soccer history in Brisbane by becoming the first country to win under FIFA's new sudden death, extra time ruling. The scores were tied at 1-1 after 90 minutes and, 10 minutes into extra time, the Young Socceroos, showing their fitness and determination, earned their semi-final spot through an Anthony Carbone header. The goal, from a cross by substitute Jim Tsekenis, came after Uruguay had taken the lead after 20 minutes through Sergio Sena. Australia hit back strongly in the second half and scored a deserved equaliser in the 58th minute when Paul Agostino headed home an Ante Moric free-kick.

### Russia 0 Ghana 3

Three goals in just 10 minutes late in the second half earned Ghana a semi-final spot. Augustine Ahinful struck first after 71 minutes, Daniel Addo made it 2-0 three minutes later and Isaac Asare completed the rout against a very tired looking Russian line-up in the 81st minute.

### England 0 Mexico 0 (aet).

England won 4-3 on penalties.

Goalkeeper David Watson and the cross bar nudged England into the semi-finals after a dull quarter-final which only sprang to life during the sudden death, extra time periods. Mexico began the penalty shoot-out disastrously when Jesus Olalde smashed his spot-kick against the bar. England converted each of their four penalties - through Jamie Pollock, Darren Caskey, Alan Thompson and Chris Bart-Williams. England did not need its final penalty, Watson saved brilliantly from Mexican captain Juan Solis to go through to the semis.

### Brazil 3 USA 0

Brazil shattered the American dream to breeze through to the semi-finals. The runners-up to Portugal in 1991 dominated the first half and took a 1-0 lead into the break after defender Bruno scored the first of his two goals in the 32nd minute. Six minutes into the second half star playmaker Adriano made it 2-0 when he drove a shot past American keeper Jeff Cassar. Bruno scored his second goal in the final minute.

## SEMI-FINALS

### Australia 0 Brazil 2

The Young Socceroos' dreams of finally making a World final were dashed by some true Brazilian magic. Captain Marcelinho, who many rate in the



Beckenbauer class already, showed his skill and vision to break the deadlock in the 77th minute. He played a one-two with Adriano before placing his shot to the left of

advancing Australian keeper Vince Matassa.

Substitute Caico sealed Brazil's place in the final in the last minute when he shrugged off Ante Moric's challenge to slot the ball home coolly under pressure. Referee Hellmut Krug from Germany booked four players in the first half, including Australian stopper Craig Moore. The yellow card, his second in two games, meant Moore will miss the play-off for third and fourth.

### England 1 Ghana 2

Ghana held off a spirited second half revival by England, who trailed 2-0 at half-time, to reach the final. England defender Ian Pearce was the major contributor to Ghana's win, conceding a penalty in the 12th minute and a free kick in the 24th minute which led to the second goal. Augustine Ahinful converted the penalty and Mohammed Gargo made it 2-0 from the free kick. Jamie Pollock pulled a goal back for England from the penalty spot in the 49th minute after Chris Bart-Williams had been tripped.

## FINALS

### Australia 1 England 2

The Young Socceroos' dreams of going one better than any other Australian soccer team and finishing third were dashed four minutes from time. Leicester City striker Julian Joachim, who had been kept out of earlier games by Nicky Barmby, scored a classic individual goal to end abruptly a brave Australian fight-back. England, showing rare composure and skill in this Ashes clash, took the lead just before half-time when defender David Unsworth headed home at the far post from a Bart-Williams deep cross. The Young Socceroos came out fighting after the interval and equalised after just three minutes when an Ante Milić shot took a deflection off Anthony Hughes to elude keeper David Watson. Australia hit a purple patch but the final pass often went astray. Just after Joachim's match-winner, Bart-Williams almost made it 3-1 but Matassa produced a smothering save to deny him.

### Brazil 2 Ghana 1

Brazil collected their third youth title, matching the success of their senior team, in an exciting climax to the tournament. It all their own way against the African wizards who proved that world soccer is no longer dominated by South Americans and Europeans. Ghana gave the world legends a lesson in the first half and thoroughly deserved their half-time lead. Their goal came after just 12 minutes when Duah headed home a cross from the left by Ahinful. In front of the capacity 40,000 crowd, Brazil struggled in the opening 45 minutes ... but what a difference in the second half! Yan equalised in the 49th minute after a brilliantly weighted pass from Player of the Series Adriano. Then came the winner, in the final minute of normal time, just as the crowd was preparing for sudden death extra time. Gian was the scorer coolly slotting home the ball wide of keeper Ben Owu.



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The Valley is recognised worldwide for its deposits of brown coal and large open cut mines.

The enormity of the task of making the Falcons at the least competitive in their CCSL debut must have seemed almost as daunting as the area's massive open cut mines.

Written off before even kicking a ball by the Sydney press, the Falcons knew they had an uphill fight to gain credibility and respect.

But, while not setting the world on fire, the club has achieved one of those goals .... RESPECT.

Astute coach Manfred Schaeffer, who slammed Morwell's style as "schoolboy stuff" after his Sydney CSC team lost on its visit, later apologised for his outburst.

Perhaps the biggest plus of all, however, has been the matches, both league and cup, against South Melbourne this summer.

Although Morwell lost all four games, the professional approach it displayed against this season's title favourite raised more than just a few eyebrows.



So much so that, for the return league game early last month, Crinigan Road was packed.

More than 6000 fans crammed into the ground, finally laying to rest the theory that the "country bumpkins" would not be a big drawcard.

In the end, the result went South Melbourne's way with two late goals.

But Morwell learned a lot that night. They learned they could match it with the big boys, sell the "big occasion" to the local community and handle the pressure.

They know, however, there is a long way to go. They have only just scratched the surface.

But the positive signs are there. Coach Bobby McLachlan recently went

full-time, combining his team duties with community promotional work. McLachlan admits the Falcons secured a place in the Coca-Cola Soccer League a year ahead of their timeframe.

"We were planning on the 1993-94 season so the prospect of playing this season was both daunting and frightening," he said.

But McLachlan has been delighted with the player response.

"Before we kicked off there were lots of rumours about how bad we would be. But when you get people like Rasic, Blanco and Arok coming up after the game and offering their congratulations, it's reassuring."

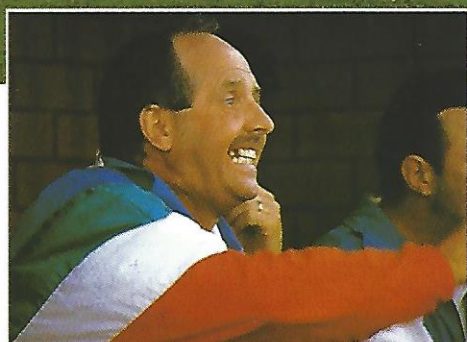
The most pleasing point for McLachlan has been the commitment which has



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STAN WRIGHT

# MAKES PERFECT



• **Coach  
Bobby  
McLachlan.**

brought an air of credibility to Crinigan Road.

It showed itself in the two league games against South Melbourne.

"We were thrashed at Middle Park in the first game but came out 13 weeks later, in front of 6000 spectators, and played them off the park."

Star striker Billy Wright was another who got a kick out of that match but believes maintaining the players

appetite for the game has been a problem recently. Most have come through a vigorous campaign in the Victorian Premier

League and have already completed 12 months of continuous soccer.

"The last 10-15 minutes in recent games we have really struggled, whether it's due to fitness I don't know. But we are delighted to have this break to recharge our batteries," he said.

Most players have already played 50 games in the past 12 months and the pressure may be showing.

Falcons conceded late goals against

South Melbourne and Marconi to drop valuable CCSL points.

All has not been plain sailing off the park, either.

Falcons' hopes to complete the new grandstand in its debut season have been put on ice for political reasons. The former Labor Government in Victoria had committed a \$300,000 grant to help build the stand but the Kennett Liberal Government's decision to stop the money has mothballed the plans to erect the roof before the end of the season.

Another full-time face at the club is Ray McCluskey, the Promotions and Marketing Manager.

McCluskey is already searching for a major sponsor for next season and is committed to making the facilities at Crinigan Road equal to, if not better than, the Sydney Leagues clubs.

With just three rounds remaining in its inaugural season, Morwell Falcons has done the hard part well.

I wonder what odds at Tabaret for it to take nine points from those home games against Adelaide City and Melbourne CSC and the away trip to Heidelberg?

A lot shorter than the start of the season, I would suggest.



# Les MURRAY



*If you don't know Les Murray you don't know soccer in more than a decade, has an intimate knowledge of the is recognised world-wide for his expertise in the field. breed of young Australians who are bred for export...*

## A NEW BALL GAME

"Who will win Australia 93?" went the question before this month's youth extravaganza. But the question only got vague answers, even from the most respected experts.

"Oh, Brazil usually do well. You've got to favour Australia at home. And don't forget Portugal, the holders. African football is emerging and they could snatch this one. But I would still be wary of the efficient Germans, the well-prepared Koreans and Mexicans, the European champions Turkey and of course Saudi Arabia whose Under 17s won the world title in 1989."

Why not mention the entire field of sixteen? What about Colombia, Russia, Uruguay, England, USA, Norway? Couldn't they have won it?

Of course they could. And that is the beauty of youth football today. A dead level playing field. No reputations to consider. No reputations to force others to play defensively and expeditiously.

But then that is the way the football world is becoming, even at senior level.



• *The Coca-Cola Young Socceroos in Portugal.*

The old class structure of Europe and South America representing the aristocracy and the rest belonging to the disheveled peasantry, is fast crumbling. Oh sure, there are some nations and of course club teams mightier than others and more feared than others. But the

gaps are tighter. For instance, 30 years ago if, say, Luxembourg were playing Ghana you would have picked Luxembourg, purely because they were European. Now more likely Ghana would not only beat them but give them a soccer lesson doing it.

## FIFA LEADS THE WAY IN

The new level playing field has been brought not by the Europeans falling back but by the others catching up. In the last 40 years soccer's developing world made enormous progress in playing strength. Many things played a part in that: better and more efficient international communication, the advent of television, especially satellite television, the expanding

marketing forces of soccer, and the developing lands having the money and the will to import coaches and coaching techniques from Europe and South America.

But among the biggest contributors has been FIFA itself. The world body has its share of critics of course and rightly. It has not always acted nobly and Australia in particular can be

peevish by the tough path it has been given towards World Cup qualification.

Of course we must acknowledge that the toughness of our last World Cup task was largely our fault. It was Australia which wimpishly agreed to qualifier dates which in the end crippled the Socceroo effort. We have learnt from that, which is



*Australia. Murray, SBS TV, s "Mr Soccer" for game and its players second to none and he In this issue, Les Murray looks at a special*

# THE WORLD GAME

Australian soccer benefits enormously from the development of its players but it has been rightly lamented that the increasing emigration of players, the talent drain, has not been harnessed to our benefit.

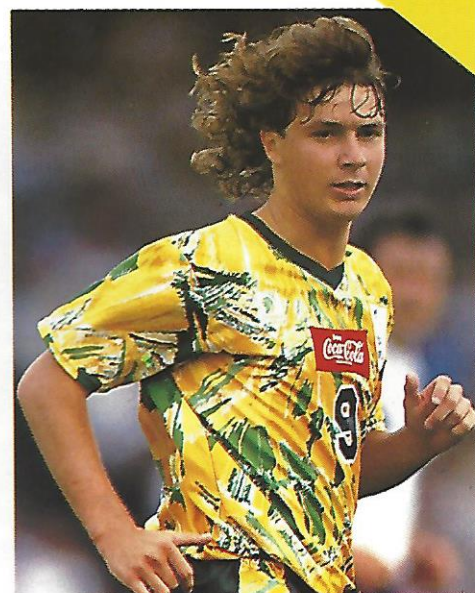
Not only are we losing these players from our sights, and have trouble calling on them for international duty, but there's no money in it either. The Australian Soccer Federation, which spends hard-earned money, often taxpayers' money, exposing these players in costly national team games, is the big loser: getting nothing in return. The clubs, which bag the transfer fees and the players themselves, are the winners. And of course the agents and sharkish middlemen who are springing up in Australia, lining their pockets and putting nothing back into the game. If one looks at the collective value of players transferred overseas recently, the potential loss is clear. An exercise we could look at the list of young men who played a prominent role in Australia's last World Youth Championship campaign. It is they who classically became prey to overseas agents and their worth is a good pointer to what the ASF may be losing if it doesn't act now to get some sort of return.

## IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

This is what I would estimate, conservatively, the stars of Portugal '91 are worth now on the international market:

Mark Bosnich	\$500,000
Kevin Muscat	\$150,000
Paul Okon	\$300,000
Brad Maloney	\$100,000
Matt Bingley	\$250,000
David Seal	\$250,000
Kris Trajanovski	\$100,000
Steve Corica	\$400,000
Mark Silic	\$ 80,000
Robbie	\$100,000

**TOTAL: \$2,230,000**



• **David Seal . . . \$250,000.**

If the ASF was to levy such transfer fees by, say, 10 per cent it would collect \$223,000. Not a bad sum but very fair and very handy in the ASF's coffers. The implementation of such a scheme is very simple. It becomes part of every national league player's club registration that should he be transferred overseas the ASF collects 10 per cent of his transfer fee. Players will gladly sign because, frankly, players are so obsessed these days with moving overseas they will sign practically anything.

## BUILDING A BETTER IMAGE

why the coming World Cup matches against New Zealand will be in late May and early June. Not in February and March when, as was the case last time, overseas-based Socceroos are in the middle of their club seasons. Last month Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson was in Europe with his so called "dream team", preparing a Socceroo squad which was perhaps

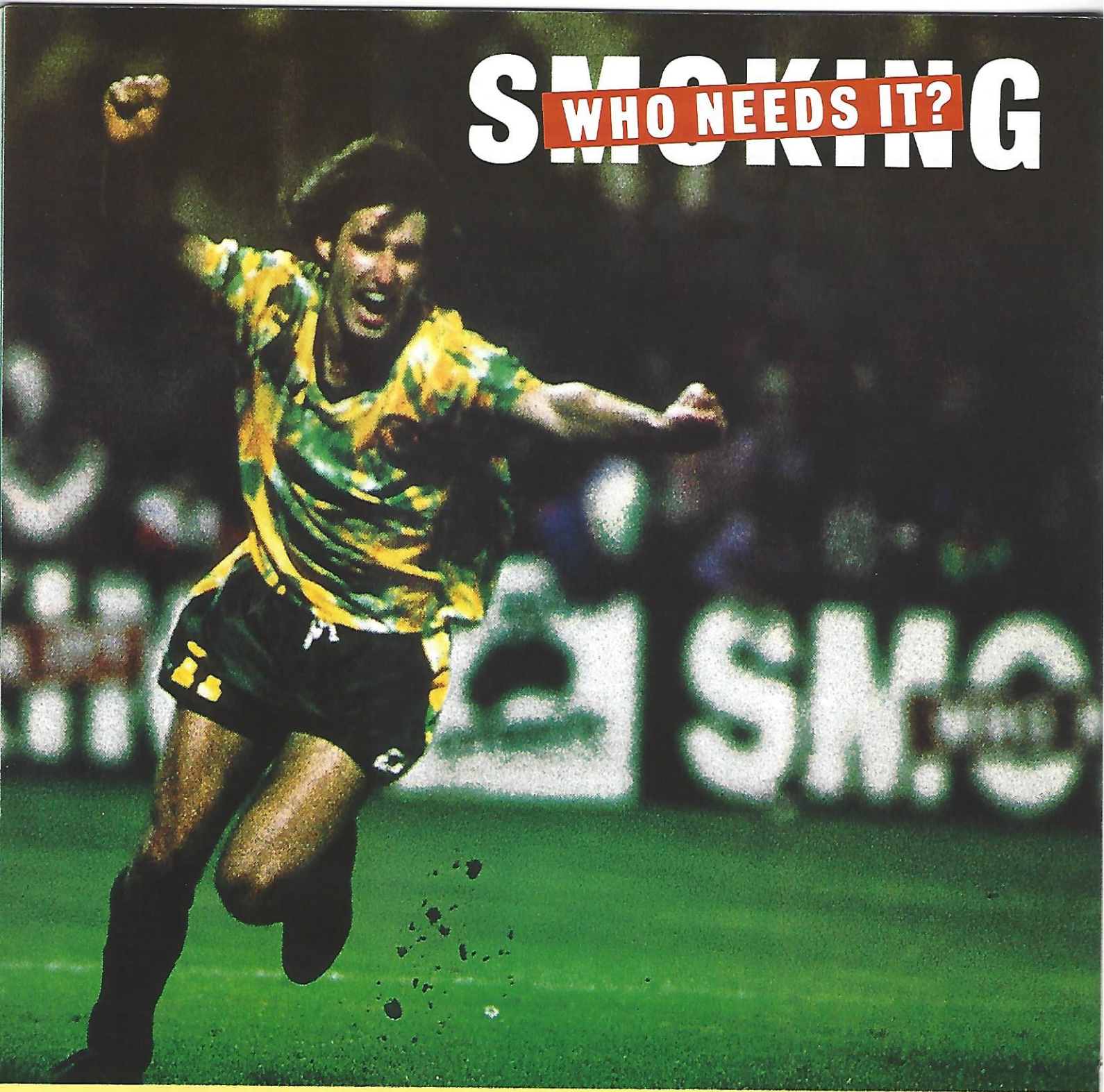
two thirds European-based. It is not likely that the team he fields against New Zealand in May will have just four or five locally based players. The rest will be the expatriate stars, something Eddie could not have done if the games were played in February and March. But that's another story. Back to FIFA and credit where it's due. The world

body, under the steering of its president Joao Havelange, created the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup (for under 20's), the JVC Cup (for under 17s), the Women's World Cup and a new Olympic tournament (restricted to under 23s), all of which gave developing nations a more accessible world stage and in turn enhanced the profile of soccer in those countries.

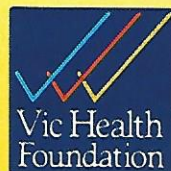


# SMOKING

WHO NEEDS IT?



## Another Non-Smoking Hero.





The consortium behind Perth was refused the chance to submit its proposal a month late because it would not have allowed the ASF enough time to look into it objectively.

Instead the ASF has asked the consortium to re-submit its application later this year with a view to joining the C CSL for the 1994-95 season – just six months before a rugby league side from the west kicks-off.

Sure, soccer will be off and running before the league team but it could have been so much better for our sport if Perth had been given extra leeway. Imagine having an 18 months start on the other game! Soccer, which is reasonably strong in the West anyway, could have gained a decided advantage through a strong marketing and promotional campaign.

Now rugby league is almost on level terms and is more than capable of making up for lost time. Remember, League has considerable finance at its disposal as well as an outstanding marketing and promotional arm. As a long time advocate for Perth's inclusion in the national league competition, it hurts to see them have to cool their heels for another season.

I believe they have so much to offer the game in this country because the sport is crying out for new blood and the breath of fresh air these clubs bring the game. You only have to see what the inclusion of the West Coast Eagles and the Adelaide Crows have done for the Australia Football League and Brisbane, Newcastle and Canberra have done for rugby league.

Perth, North Queensland, Canberra and even Tasmania would have a similar effect on Australian soccer. These areas would open new horizons for the sport and show it off to a larger audience. Having said that, I realise the problems the ASF had in sorting out Perth's application. There have been a lot of problems with administration of soccer in Perth and they held the game back for several years. The problems have only recently been rectified.

And, of course, there is the problem with the time-span regarding the application. I don't blame the ASF for baulking because everything seemed to be moving at break-neck speed.

In this regard the commission obviously thought discretion was the better part of



*The recent decision by the Australian Soccer Federation's board of commissioners to knock back Perth's bid for entry into the 1993-94 Coca-Cola Soccer League is a retrograde step which could give rugby league a head start in the West. RAY GATT reports:*

# SUN SETS IN THE WEST

valour. But, I say the ASF should have had the courage and the intuition to say "let's give these guys a go."

It is going to happen sooner or later so it may have well been sooner.

And, that leads me to my favourite subject of reorganising the make-up of the C CSL competition. In the past I have advocated a 10-team competition to replace the present 14-team set-up. I am not afraid to say my thoughts have changed a little in recent months, especially with the big moves being made in rugby league, who have even extended their boundaries to include a team from New Zealand - Auckland - in 1995.

Coincidentally, the New Zealand FA is keen to enter a team in the C CSL in the 1994-5 season. Now that would be a retrograde step for Australian soccer. It is hard enough beating the Kiwis in World Cup qualifiers now. Imagine how strong they could be if they had a virtual strength Kiwi team in the C CSL?

Thanks, but no thanks. Any Australian

administrator who thinks that

is a good idea has rocks in his head. No, we should, as ASF chief

executive Ian Holmes says, look to our backyard to strengthen the National League and provide wider representation. How is this for a 1994-95 C CSL competition: Marconi-Fairfield, Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne, Melbourne CSC, Adelaide City, West Adelaide, Brisbane, North Queensland, Perth, Tasmania, Geelong, Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle.

I don't think the AFL or NSWRL could match that sort of Australia-wide representation. For a start, there is no way the league will make in-roads into Tassie and the AFL would have trouble establishing a team in North Queensland. Hopefully, if any or all the new areas I suggested apply to join the C CSL for the 1994-95 season, they'll be given more serious consideration from the ASF. Come on fellas, show some courage next time.



# WHAT'S

## Jocks for men

Be surprised with the look, the comfort and the feel.

The new range of JOCKS men's hipster briefs from Jockey Australia have been designed with comfort in mind.

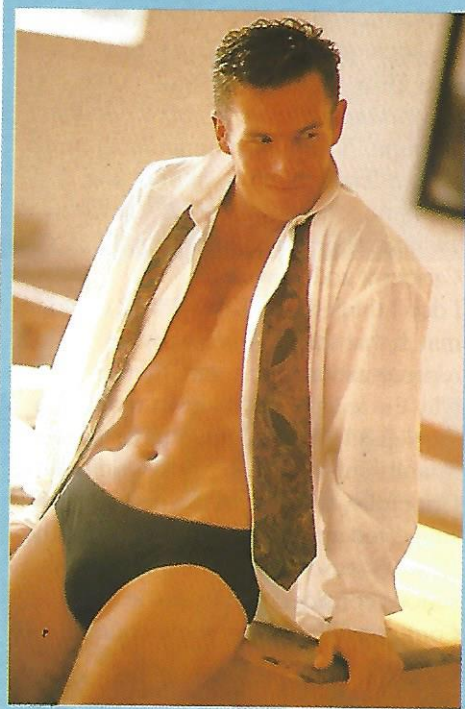
They have a wide waist elastic that fits snugly and comfortably without being tight.

They have double stitched leg seams that give a flat finish for a smooth line that is undetectable under clothing.

So no more unsightly bulges or bumps. Great styling is evident in the high cut leg and there is extra fabric where it is needed so JOCKS won't leave you exposed!

JOCKS hipster briefs come in five bright fashion colours - black, California red, Ocean green, royal blue and heather grey.

Prices are \$6-7 a pair and they are available nationally through major retailers and all quality specialist menswear stockists.



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European team shirts worn by the Lotto sponsored teams are now available.

Exclusively designed and manufactured in Italy, these tops are available at leading sports stores and retail for approximately \$90. For further enquiries please contact Lotto on (03) 481 4333.

## More than just luggage

Pringle of Scotland, respected world-wide for the manufacture of supreme quality knitwear for more than 175 years, has launched its first international collection of luggage and accessories.

The entire Pringle of Scotland accessory collection has been beautifully crafted from a durable material featuring a true Scottish argyle in black, navy and green highlighted by a red raker.

Combined with luxurious leather tan

trims, the material rekindles a mood that

has strong ties to home and tradition yet fuses perfectly with today's values and lifestyle.

The essential gift - a beautiful hip flask from the new Pringle Accessory collection - has a stainless steel interior and costs \$99.95.

Overnight bags - perfect for travelling or just a weekend away.

Top frame carpet bag with leather grip handles and detachable shoulder straps, \$395.





# HOT

Edited by Carolyn Palliardi

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Estee Lauder has introduced the fastest, easiest way to tan . . . without being exposed to those potentially harmful rays. It's the world's first spray-on, self tanning formula. It works all year round and will develop a tan on all skin types, to the extent of deepening a true tan.

It also contains herbal extracts to soothe skin. However, Self-action tanning spray does not contain sunscreen so be careful in the sun.

Self-action tanning spray is available from Estee Lauder. A 115ml bottle of Self-action tanning spray costs \$27.



## Mutombo is coming

Sportswear manufacturer Adidas has a new message for Australia and a new message for the teen market.

That message is Mutombo.

Mutombo is a new range of basketball shoes and street gear aimed at the 12 to 20 primarily male age group. Mutombo is also a man - a 7ft 2in African basketballer to be precise.

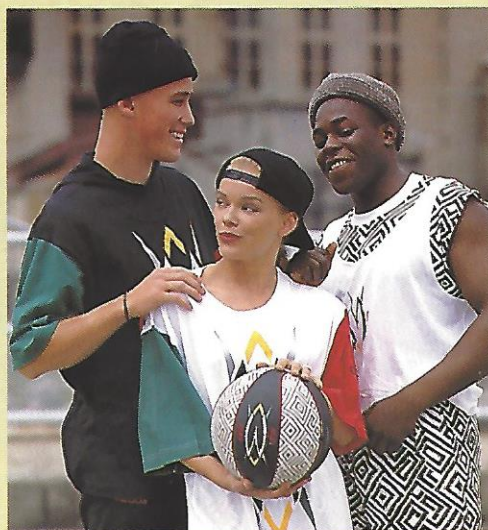
The story of Dikembe Mutombo Mpolando

Mukamba Jean Jaques Wanutonbo, or just plain Mutombo for short, is a romantic story of discovery.

Aged 18, Mutombo was found dunking

a few hoops in his home town in Zaire by a member of the American Embassy.

He is now a star of the Denver Nuggets and one of the highest paid players on the NBA circuit. Mutombo had direct input into the design of the range of shoes and street gear and it certainly has all the right elements. It's hip, it's cool and it has that elusive, intan-



gible street cred.

Launched in December, it is being carried by all major sports stores and Myer junior outlets.

## If it's good enough for MM

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# WHAT'S HOT

## A TIMELY PRESENT

Here's the perfect gift for any soccer fanatic.

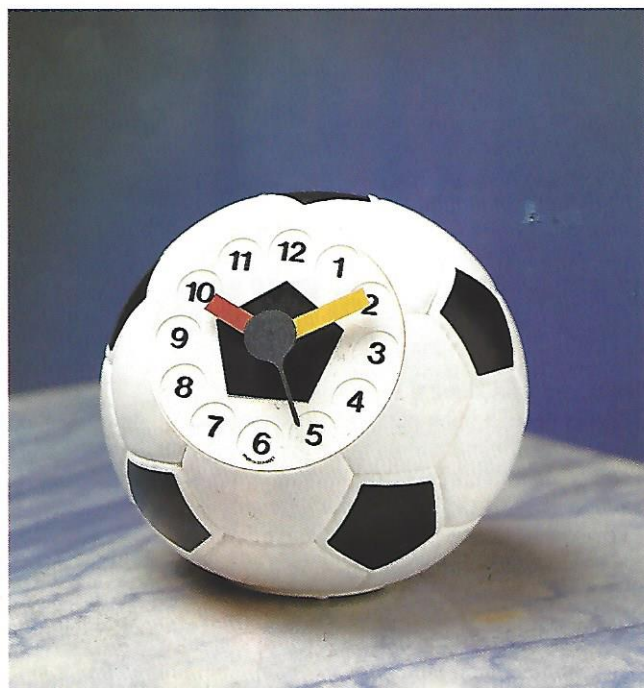
The Soccer Ball Clock (right) has had sensational success in Europe. It has just arrived in Australia, but supplies are limited. So be quick.

Made in Germany, the Soccer Ball Clock has a precision quartz movement and comes with a one-year warranty, along with a money back guarantee.

The minute and hour hands are red and yellow, symbolising the caution and send-off cards in the world game.

The Soccer Ball Clock is 20cm in diameter and is ideal for the office desk or home.

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congratulates Brazil on its win in the  
VII World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup



# STATE OF PLAY

## VICTORIA

by DOUG BOOTH

Victoria's Premier League is riding a new wave of public interest as the 1993 season gets underway.

The top five finals series concept, initially ridiculed by the soccer purists, could prove to be the catalyst in a revival at Premier League level.

For the first time in 1992 the finals series was contested for all the money; that is, for the championship of the state, with the minor premiership relegated to just that, an achievement of minor importance.

Over four weeks in August and September more than 13,000 fans flocked to finals games, with over 6,000 at Middle Park on grand final day to see North Geelong cap its fairy tale rise to power with an emphatic 4-1 extra time win over Brunswick United Juventus.

Indicative of the increasing professionalism of the clubs was the promotion of Morwell Falcons to CCSL competition, with the likes of Brunswick, Bulleen and Altona Gate all attempting to follow suit by producing impressive applications to join the elite.

The VSF is more than doing its bit, with one exciting development in '93 the inclusion of regional based clubs in the Dockerty Cup, the oldest surviving soccer trophy in the country.

The 1993 Premier League campaign appears as open as any in recent years.

There appears only one certainty; that champions North Geelong will fade from the picture as quickly as they appeared last year. The West Coasters, fresh up from division one, set all sorts of records last year in becoming the first club to take off the state's major title at the first attempt. In the ensuing months the club has lost nine first teamers plus coach Branko Culina.

Brunswick, runners-up three times and champions once in the past three seasons, will be strong again, particularly

given the club's almost obsessive desire to regain a CCSL place. Despite some talks of internal turmoil at Bulleen, that club has enough raw talent to play finals football again and Fawkner, under former Melbourne CSC grand final coach Ken Murphy, should also return to the play-offs.

Green Gully, without the 30 goal front-running partnership of Sash Becvinovski and Derek Hunter in '93, should be one of four clubs fighting for the other vacancies in the top five. The big improvers will be Altona Gate, Thomastown and St Albans. The Gaters, always renowned for a skilled brand of football, have recruited from far and wide and although missing overseas bound midfielder Peter Nicoski, might be the surprise packets.

The Saints are taking the competition seriously again, signalling their intent by luring Albion's 1992 player-coach Les Carter to Churchill Reserve.

Thomastown, after appointing Len McKendry as coach mid-stream last year, scored more points than any of the top five finishers from round 13 on and will continue to improve.

Of the two promoted clubs, first division champion Springvale City, with an impressive array of experienced players, looks stronger than Caulfield City, which looks set to tackle the Premier League with much the same side which finished behind the Vales in 1992.

Albion will be hard pressed to recapture the magic of last season's last-gasp and ultimately failed finals bid and former CCSL club Sunshine George Cross is struggling through a massive on-field rebuilding program.

Eastern suburban neighbors Croydon City and Knox City are struggling financially and recruiting has been difficult, although a Dons revival is not out of the question following the signing of five plus-30 veterans, including former CCSL championship player and Soccerroo John Yzendoom.

## NSW

by ROBERT SMITH

Leichhardt Tigers, reborn out of the COCA-COLA Soccer League embers of Apia-Leichhardt, are the mavericks of the coming New South Wales Super League season.

Less than a year since being ejected from the CCSL, Leichhardt is back in old Apia's traditional burgundy and sky blue out to restore past glories under Manfred Schaefer.

Kick-starting their foray into the

Super League, the Tigers playing out of Lambert Park, have CCSL campaigners, Brian Ellem, Paul Carter, Jeff Doyle, Shane Clinch and Matthew Din embossing their lineup along with Blacktown signings, Scott Xuerbe and Craig Nason.

In what has rival Super League teams looking over their shoulders,



the Tigers expect to have their



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scattered CCSL stars back in mid-April to bolster their championship prospects, Warringah coach Glenn Sterrey is one who is mightily impressed by Leichhardt's potential this winter.

"They are CCSL side, they've got five or six other players still to come back in and the question mark is if they can stay with the leaders up to round 10, they'll be the side to beat," says Sterrey.

Leichhardt are looking to Darren Stewart (Newcastle), Paul Souris (Parramatta), John Gibson (Sydney CSC), Derek Poirer (Sydney Olympic) and Tony Franken to play later in the season, Leichhardt Tigers were reformed under a consortium of current and former members of the Apia licensed club, who still have visions of returning a Leichhardt-based team to the CCSL.

The licensed club is progressing very well," says consortium chairman John Torrisi. "There's been a big turnaround since the provisional liquidator was imposed."

Leichhardt's championship hopes have been boosted by the uncertainty surrounding last season's triple crown winning Avala, now known as the Bonnyrigg White Eagles. Bonnyrigg, who carried off the premiership, grand final -

and Waratah State Cup and the accompanying \$50,000 under coach Mike Johnson, have been rocked by the defection to neighbouring Blacktown of David Fitzharris, Scott Ashton, nomadic stricker David Batten and fundamental defender Andy Brockbank.

Their losses, aligned with the CCSL losses of Greg Brown, Hugo Gimenez, Gus Cerro and the Foster brothers, Paul and Crag, paint an uneasy picture for Bonnyrigg's chances of back-to-back successes.

Bonnyrigg, who has signed last year's leading NSW Division One scorer Norman Tome from Dulwich Hill, Parramatta Eagles stopper Alfero Barrios and Westgate forward Danny Jakovijevic Hamilton have built up significantly in the off-season under new coach Phil Ridley, from Adamstown. Olympic have acquired Cardiff pair, Dale Turner and Richard Rumble and expect some unwanted members of Adamstown Rosebuds' State League Squad to drift across town to link up with Ridley.

Hamilton will have reaped the benefit of their debut first division season last year after successive promotion vaults from the fourth division back in 1989.

## NORTHERN NSW

by ROBERT SMITH



Tightly-knit Highfields, once bitten, twice shy, have no delusions of grandeur going into this season's campaign which kicks off on April 17. Runaway winners of last year's championship by a

whopping 10 points, the southern Newcastle outfit crashed to only their third defeat of the season, going down 1-0 to Wickham Croatia in a semi-final. It galled the Italian-backed club to miss out on embellishing their championship with a Grand Final trophy, but pragmatic coach Jim Foley is instilling in his players the axiom: "Take your chances today, or there'll be no tomorrow."

Highfields have added leading striker Ross Wells from state leaguers Adamstown Rosebuds and coupled with the return of fit-again Simon Brandt, Azzurri Highfields are confident of going one better.

"We have to put last year out of our minds and keep our feet on the ground," says Foley. "We've yet to prove that we're stronger than '92, we still have only that strong look on paper."

Integral performers, captain and sweeper Howard Tredinnick and midfielder Joe Senkowiski, are backing up again buttressing Highfields with their vast playing experience.

Foley, in his second season in charge of Highfields and among the first to get his Level 4 Coaching Certificate at the Australian Sports Institute in 1985, is an advocate of positive,

quality football. "We did a fantastic job for the game up here last year and our attitude will be to again play an enjoyable style of football," says Foley.

Foley, who trailed but missed out on a playing contract back in the mid-70's with English club Preston North End then under Bobby Charlton, wants to encourage locally-bred players to succeed. "I will be giving my players the benefit of the opportunities that I missed when I was their age," said Foley.

Traditional bastion of Newcastle soccer, West Wallsend, who weathered a second half Wickham siege to win last year's Grand Final 2-1, shape again as a title contender under the coaching of Steve Bland.

But pundits are pointing to Lake Macquarie City and Hamilton Olympic as marked improvers this term.

Lake Macquarie has regrouped around the respected Keith Harris, who has CCSL links with the old Newcastle KB United from his coaching of their youth team in early 80's.

Harris who "won most things that were going on" as sub-sequent coach of West Wallsend from 1985 - 87, is expected to lure some established players from the Newcastle Breakers to the Speers Point-based club.

A new broom has swept through the Lake Macquarie club, a new committee has taken office, and Harris, who has been coaching his son's soccer team over the last few years, was attracted by the club's dynamism and eagerness to develop their substantial pool of local talent.



## STATE OF PLAY

### QUEENSLAND

by ROBERT SMITH



Irish goal poacher Kieran Cooper figures 20 goals will again crown him the leading scorer in this year's XXXX State League.

It's no idle boast - the 30-year-old Rochedale Rovers striker banged in 19 goals last season to

finish Queensland's version of the "Golden Boot" for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

"Rovers play a very attacking style and that always guarantees plenty of goals for me," says Cooper. "I'll be aiming for 20 this time."

Razor sharp over the first few yards, Cooper played part of the NSL season with Brisbane United, and will be a key man as Rochedale attempt to go one better after the disappointment of their 2-0 loss to North Star in the '92 Grand Final.

The end-of-season reversal denied Rochedale a historic chance to land its first Grand Final since forming 1973. "We've finished second in the last couple of years and it hurt the boys to lose to North Star in the game that counted, but we've got a more competitive squad this time," says coach John Stewart.

Rochedale have recruited Coalstar's goalkeeper Graham Ross and busy Grange Thistle mid-fielder Niger McClure, while mid-fielder Rod Vasquez is fit again after missing last season.

Peter Bannon's North Star has lost NSL campaigners, Mirko Runje and Steven Bullock, but has added New Zealand left-sided defender Alan Evans, Sunshine Coast midfielders, Ian Hutchinson and Scott Elliott and Brisbane United defender Craig Jones to their '93 squad.

"We're the team to beat," says coach-of-the-year Bannon. "The other teams will tend to raise their game against us until the novelty wears off ... that's the price you pay for success."

There was significant off-season activity at Taringa Rovers and the re-named North Brisbane, formerly Lutwyche United. Taringa have current Queensland coach Juan Cutillas in charge and he has reshaped Rovers bringing in last year's Coalstars coach John Ogden, Darren Hillier from Newcastle, Southport pair Andrew and Eddie Lees, Michael Collicot from Wellington United and Clint Del Santo from North Queensland.

North Brisbane who have leapfrogged from the third division to the state league in successive seasons under the coaching of Mauro Saffich, have strengthened all team compartments.

Brisbane City goalkeeper Wayne Evans, Brisbane CSC's English striker Kevin Meacock and midfielder Craig Collins and Grange Thistle defender Danny Cox have added experience to Norths.

"The boys were in their first XXXX season last year after promotion from Division Two," says Saffich. "We've gone for experience in the key positions this time and I expect us to do really well."

### TASMANIA

by WALTER PLESS

There will be major changes in the next 12 months. The coming Wrest Point State League winter season, beginning on Saturday, April 3 will be short-ended.

The final league match is scheduled for Sunday, July 11, with the grand final at Glenorchy's KGV Soccer Park on Sunday, August 8. The final-four format was introduced for the first time last year.

But the most dramatic change will take place after the shortened winter season, when there will be a short break before the start of the inaugural Wrest Point State League summer season. It will begin in October and run until late February or early March, with a short break over the Christmas and New Year period.

Eight teams will contest the two round winter season, but Ulverstone, who have just appointed Joe McGrory as coach, are almost definitely non starters.

Devonport may be persuaded to enter. White Eagle, who have won five State League titles in the past seven years, should again be a powerful force. Bobby Rybak has been appointed coach following the departure of Eugene Mycak to Croatia-Glenorchy, and striker Richard Leszczynski has returned after sitting out last season. Milan Lakoseljic resigned as coach of Croatia, to be replaced by Mycak.

Top Hobart Juventus striker Romeo Frediani is one of the main targets of Croatia's recruiting campaign and he would prove a great partner for the club's promising young goal-getter, Brendan Lakoseljic.

Caledonians have appointed goal-keeper Neil Connell as senior coach in place of David Crosson. Calies have lost two of their most promising players. Glen Jenkyns has transferred to first division club South Hobart, while 18-year-old midfielder Martin Collins has moved interstate. Olympia-Trust Bank have appointed former star player Tommy Wright as their coach. He replaces John Grimsey, who took over from Phil Kannegiesser early last season, but who was still unable to prevent them from finishing last.

Hobart Juventus also had a miserable season last year. Chris Hey was unable to move the club away from the relegation zone and was replaced at the half was mark by Dale Itchins, who managed to keep the club's head above water and one stroke away from last-placed Olympia.

Itchins has been dumped and Hobart Juventus has acquired the services of Nikola Gorkovski as senior coach. Launceston Juventus's new supremo is defender David Craig.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

by ALLAN CRISP



Season 1993 of the Foundation SA State League will provide a testing ground for entry to the following year's Premier League.

For this current season will be the last under the old 10-team first division format as the 1994

"Super League" will change to an eight-team competition.

But for 1993, the first division will remain the State's elite tournament as the clubs battle to qualify.

Not that 1993 will start without change as four of the contestants kick-off with new names.

And the new playing year will herald the introduction of an Under 23 league and an Under 19 league.

In deference to the edict that "ethnic" or nationalistic team names must be changed, Azzuri has become Adelaide Blue Eagles; Beograd has been renamed White City Woodville; Adelaide Polonia has been called Adelaide PSC.

While a rose by any name would smell as sweet, pre-season activity points to reigning champion Blue Eagles being the front runner this year.

Runner-up Adelaide CSC appears to have lost too many key players to maintain a championship rage, leaving Birkalla, White City and Modbury as likely candidates for honours.

Newly promoted Olympians and Enfield should add color to the top grade with the former making some significant close season acquisitions.

Last season's highly successful top five play-off finals system will again be used with the grand final set for Saturday, August 28.

Meanwhile, the criteria for admission to the Premier League will centre around ground facilities, playing strength, financial capabilities, geographical location and the future promotion of the respective clubs.

Club membership numbers and the ability to attract crowds and the marketing and promotional capabilities are powerful aspects to be considered when the reckoning is done.

The motive behind the changes were apparent in the SASF's "Awake the sleeping giant" document and eventual questionnaire which sparked the desire for advancement.

It was suggested that to obtain an even Premier League spread across Adelaide that a maximum of three clubs be chosen from a given geographical location encompassing north, south, east and west.

But the bottom line concerns the quality of the product. Based on the performances of both Adelaide teams in the Coca-Cola Soccer League and the number of top credentialed coaches in the State, allied to a vast army of junior talent on show - South Australia has the product.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

by KEVIN MCILDUFF



It hardly bodes well for soccer in WA, but the season has kicked off amid the usual scenes of confusion and complaints. However, the secretary of the PSF John Foster declared there would be three leagues of 14,4,9. For divisions

one and two, four clubs will be relegated and two promoted until we arrive at a set of 10,12,12.

That will leave three clubs surplus to requirements. There were the usual complaints about the venue for the pre-season night series - but Floreat Athena's Velodrome is one of the few grounds that offer adequate floodlighting and supporter facilities.

As for action on the field, there have been some surprises with the winners of the past last four league titles Perth Italia failing to reach the semi-final and Kelmscott Roos running out in their new-look Brazil kit and playing like ... well, Kelmscott Roos. Failure is not something tolerated at WA's leading club but Italia coach Gary Marocchi argued that it was hardly fair to criticise the side considering the changes to their back four (Tony Carbone and Marc Wingell were with the Australian U/20 squad). "It might be a poor start but we

are missing key players," added Marocchi, "However, if necessary we will move into the transfer market and this club's policy is always to buy the best available."

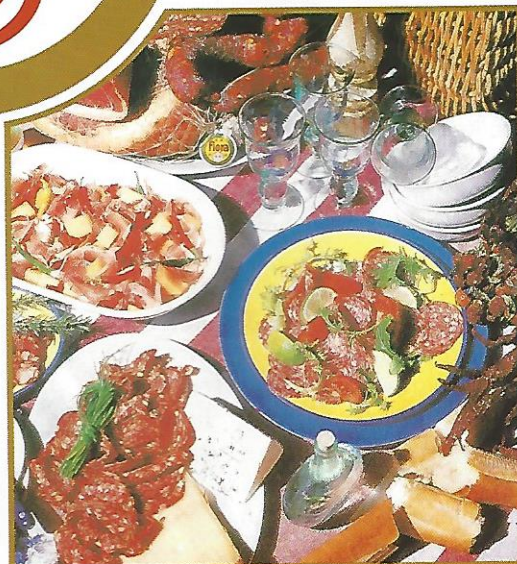
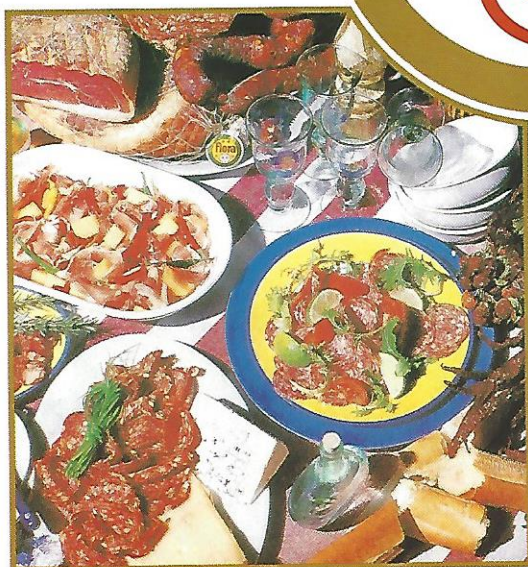
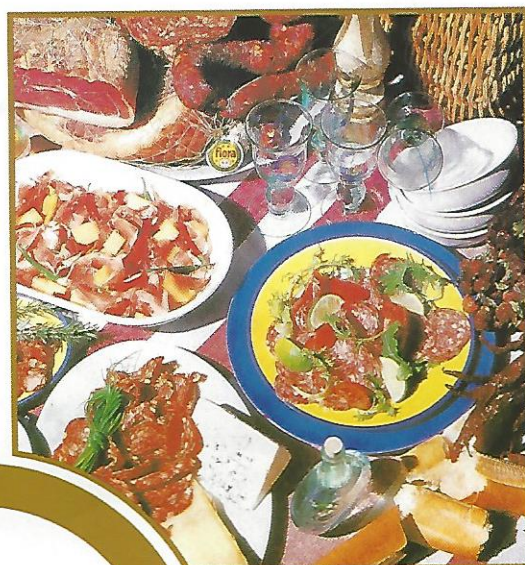
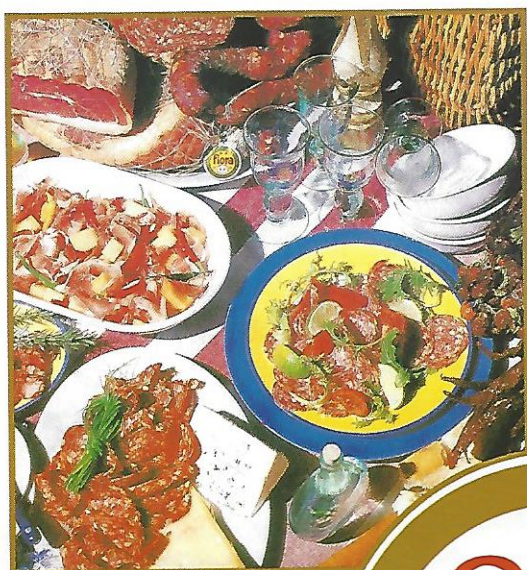
Attempting to wrestle away Italia's crown will realistically be Floreat Athena and Stirling Macedonia with Rockingham United, Spearwood Dalmatinac, Kelmscott Roos and North Perth Croatia among those more than capable of springing a surprise.

Athena, after finishing a disappointing fifth last term, has spent wisely by adding nippy winger Paul Farmer (on-loan from Wollongong) and Michael Roki (returning from a spell in Malaysia) in addition to state goalkeeper Willie McNally. Osborne Park Galeb were promoted last season and coach Colin Ashley is under no illusions about the task ahead. "It will be an adventurous one and we'll certainly be competitive," said Ashley.

But as if even he did not believe his own fighting talk he pessimistically added: "Everyone expects us to struggle and we probably will and when we do win we'll probably jag it." If you are wanting to sample some local soccer with plenty of goals then you would do well to catch Kelmscott Roos who seem to be taking the Brazil shirts too far by drawing 5-5 after being 4-1 in front.

Coach Frank Longstaff's excuse: "Goals bring the crowds in".





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# GAME PLAN

*Welcome to the first issue of GAME PLAN – the official Newsletter of The Australian Soccer Supporters Club. Each month, "Soccer Australia" will feature news, upcoming events and special offers for Members of what is fast becoming one of Australia's most exciting and entertaining Clubs. Soccer fans have waited a long time for their own Australian Supporters Club. And now, thanks to the Australian Soccer Federation and SBS, you can show your commitment and support for the world's most popular sport and at the same time enjoy all the special privileges and benefits that come with Membership. Since the Club was launched in January, we have received extensive coverage on radio, TV, in magazines and newspapers. This has resulted in our being inundated with new Membership enquiries and applications. The Club is certainly off to a flying start!*

## Top players join the top club

Australia's top soccer players were quick to join what they believe is going to be the country's top Club - The Australian Soccer Supporters Club. The first three Members to be signed up were Coca-Cola Socceroo captain, Paul Wade, Coca-Cola Olyroo captain, Ned Zelic and Coca-Cola Young Socceroo captain, Kevin Muscat.

"The Club is a fantastic initiative, providing a tremendous opportunity for people of all ages to become more involved in Australian soccer," Paul Wade - the number one supporter of the Club said.

"All the players I've spoken to share my enthusiasm, and we'll be doing everything we can to help the Club become successful."

"It's great to see the Australian Soccer Federation and SBS get together to provide an avenue for fans to support soccer at all levels," he said.



• *Three of the best – and the first ASSC members ... Kevin Muscat (above), Ned Zelic (far left) and Paul Wade (left).*

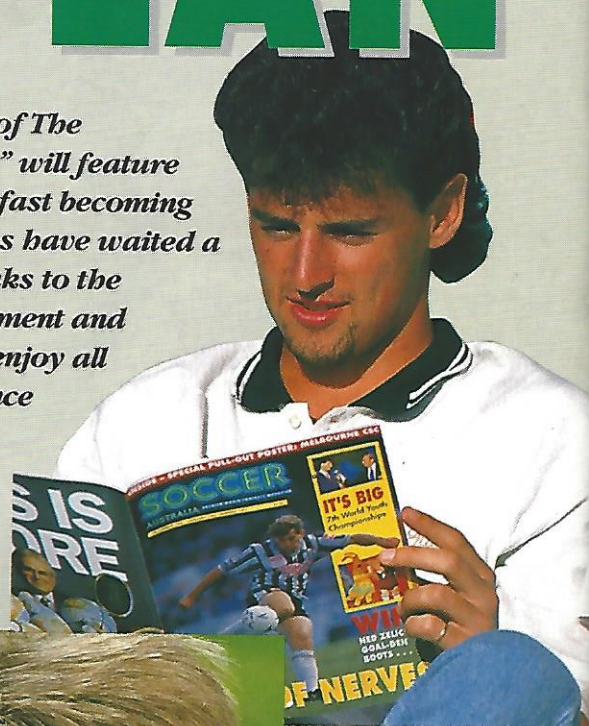
## Upcoming functions – FA Cup

A special event is being organised for Members on May 15. To start the night there will be a dinner for Gold Members and afterwards Standard Members will arrive for the party kick-off around 10pm. The match will be

shown live – and rumour has it that SBS may be televising our party!

Accommodation packages are being negotiated and full details will be published in our April Newsletter. Also on the drawing board:

- A tour in May to see Australia play New Zealand.
- An event to coincide with the second game of the World Cup Final Oceania Qualification Tournament in





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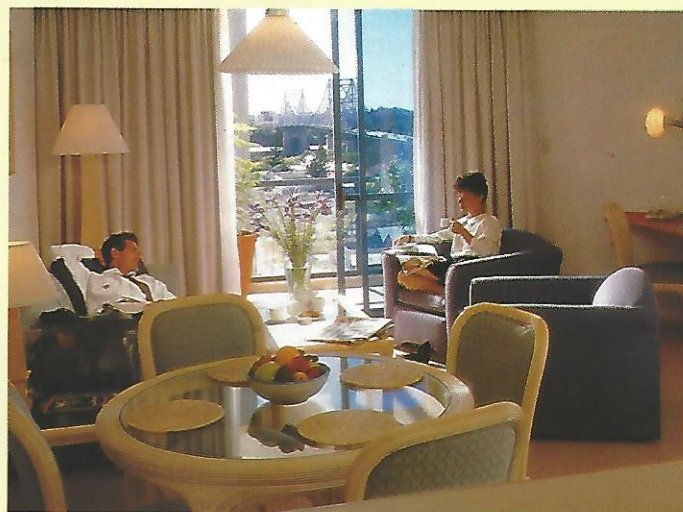
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Melbourne on 6 June. Details of these events are being finalised. Since there is limited availability, please be sure to phone (02) 818 2533 to register your interest. Once details are finalised, you will be contacted to confirm your booking.

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### If you're not already a member - here's how to join

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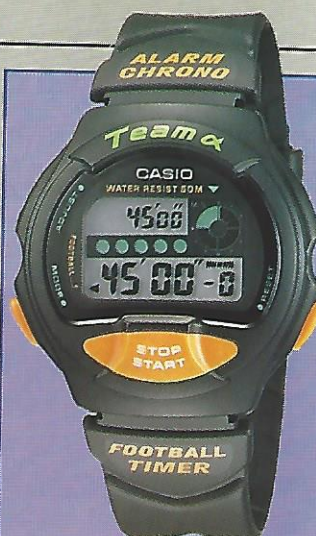
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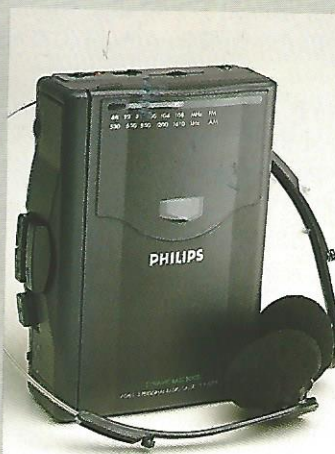
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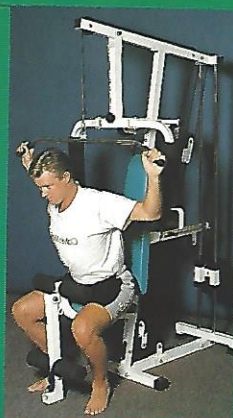
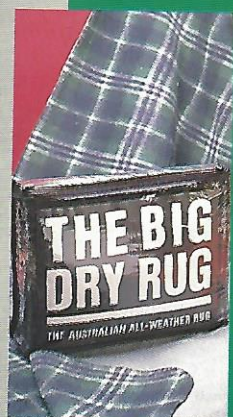
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